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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, July 30th.

The coming of the holidays marks the beginning of the end of the cricket season. All the schools have completed their programmes, and most of the clubs with school connections have doffed their flannels. Only one Scottish Counties Championship match was played during the week. Clackmannan County once again demonstrated that in a championship contest they are quite a different company from the "Wee County" in an ordinary club game. They have developed the team spirit in a very marked degree, and it was this trait that carried them to victory at the expense of Stirling County. The win gives Clackmannan County a clear lead once more in the race for the title, while it will also serve to add zest to the remaining matches of the tournament. In the Western Union Drumpellier, by their win over Greenock, now range themselves practically alongside Kelburne. The finish in this more extended competition promises to be more exciting than at one time appeared probable the margin separating the leaders, Kelburne, Drumpellier, and Uddingston, being only fractional. Grange returned to winning form against Gala, and by securing 7 wickets Preston reached his century for the third year in succession.

Counties Championship.

Clackmannan, 171 for 4; Stirling, 192.

Western Union.

Drumpellier, 167 for 6; Greenock, 140.

Kelburne, 89; Ayr, 78.

Club Matches.

Grange, 136; Gala, 46.

Carlton, 124 for 3; Dunfermline, 119.

Edin. Acads, 175 for 7; Stewart's, 80.

Kirkcaldy, 93; Watsonians, 38.

Aberdeenshire, 109; Arbroath, 39.

SCOTTISH AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPION.

Mr. W. Willis Mackenzie, of Mortonhall is the new Scottish amateur golf Champion. His victory was worthily won at Balmorie, Aberdeen. It is the most outstanding performance in Mr. Mackenzie's not undistinguished golfing career. He has been rather under a cloud of late, and his return to form brings him back again into the front rank. His progress through the ties had almost a suggestion of inevitability about it. Not that he was altogether a giant among plagues, for the Championship attracted numerous golfers of great skill and infinite promise, but he always seemed to have a grip of his opponents. The ups and downs of match play left him unruffled. His play in the final, against Mr. William Tulloch, Cathkin Braes, was typical. Going out he had harassing troubles to overcome, then got into his stride on the way in, and marched steadily to victory with golf that gave his opponent few openings. Mr. Tulloch made a good finalist. He is one of the best of the younger school in the West of Scotland. Mr. Tulloch is a first-rate golfer, with an iron stroke up to the greens that impressed with its ease and accuracy. Had the Scottish Championship fallen to him, it would have crowned a season of notable achievements in the West, for he has won the Edwards trophy, open to Glasgow amateurs; the Championship of Dumbartonshire; and, with John Campbell as partner, the Glasgow professional and amateur tournament. As he is only 28 years of age his future as a golfer is full of promise. Mr. Willis Mackenzie is 20, and has a wider reputation than Mr. Tulloch. He was in the British team against America in 1922 and 1923, has played for Scotland against England in the international, and was in the last eight in the Amateur Championships of 1922 and 1923. Since the inauguration of the Lothians Championship in 1921, he has won the individual title twice—in 1922 and 1923.

CANADIAN VICTORY IN ATHLETICS.

By the narrow margin of one point the Canadian Olympic representatives defeated Scotland's select at Glenpark Harriers' sports at Greenock. In acknowledgment of his Olympic success, the finest reception of all was accorded to Eric Liddell. One continuous roar of appreciation swept through Cappielow, when, at the start, Liddell led the grand parade of the competing athletes. Specialising in quarter-mile racing has robbed Liddell of some of his fire over the shorter distance. Still, Coafee, of Canada, is a real topnotcher, as is shown by his 9.35 seconds performance in Canada. Two inseparable school friends and constant companions, J. E. Francis and W. W. Pickard, both of Hamilton, Ontario, made history in the pole vaulting. Pickard's 15ft. 3ins. easily eclipsed E. L. Stone's 1920 Scottish record of 11ft. 5ins., while Francis was only six inches behind his chum. In the medley relay race, with a ten yards leeway to make up, Eric Liddell gave a brilliant exhibition of quarter-mile running, when it was most required. Actually Liddell, from accepting the flag until the finish of the race, covered 445 yards in 50.15 seconds.

LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

At the Scottish Lawn Tennis Championships at Ravelston Dykes, Edinburgh, except in two cases, new names have to be inscribed on all the trophies. These exceptions are the names of Mrs. Robin Welsh, Liberton, as joint holder of the mixed doubles championship, and Mrs. Herriott, Inverleith, as joint holder of the ladies' doubles championship. Before play started on Saturday, Mrs. Welsh had two championships in hand, and though she lost the singles, which she held on six occasions, she won the ladies' doubles, last held by her in 1913. Considering that Mrs. Welsh first won the singles nineteen years ago, and that so many fine young players are coming up her performances during this tournament proclaimed her a

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JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE STORY.

Capt. Konings, master of the s.s. *Iris*, tank steamer in the service of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co. at the time of the great earthquake at Yokohama, was on July 25th presented by Sir Charles Marking, British Minister at The Hague, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, with a handsome silver cigarette-box, engraved with the Royal Arms and a suitable inscription, for valuable and courageous service rendered to British persons during the earthquake.

Capt. Konings' vessel was in Yokohama Harbour when the disaster occurred, and was berthed next to the *Empress of Australia*—the ship which did such magnificent work in rescuing people of all nationalities from the stricken town.

Towards the evening of September 1st the *Empress*, with her 9,000 refugees, was in danger of being cut off by the mass of blazing oil advancing across the surface of the harbour, and Capt. Robinson sent a request to Captain Konings to tow the bow of the *Empress* round to seaward so that she could then steam out to a safe anchorage. Capt. Konings carried out this difficult operation amid the wreckage in the harbour and the imminent peril from the blazing oil, and by midnight the *Empress*, with her 9,000 refugees, was in safety.

It was only known later that the *Iris* had 9,000 tons of benzene and 2,000 tons of kerosene on board, and that Capt. Konings, in rendering such valuable service to the British ship and all on board her, was exposing his own ship to great danger. Capt. Konings is of Dutch nationality, and the Netherlands Government have already conferred upon him a knighthood of the Order of Oranje Nassau in recognition of his gallant conduct.

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Marvel of stamina, endurance, and skill: The new Scottish Singles Champion is an Englishman, C. V. Kingsley, Wadham College, Oxford. Miss Mary Thom, Kirkcaldy, won the Scottish Ladies' Singles by beating Mrs. Robin Welsh. An attractive player was P. E. Allison, New Zealand, who helped Mrs. Welsh to retain her Mixed Doubles title. C. H. Kingsley and Harry G. Mackintosh, the East of Scotland team player, worked their way to the Gentlemen's Double Championship in easy fashion.

TENNIS INTERNATIONAL.

In the International at Ravelston Dykes, on the first day honours were even, in the two singles matches played, between England and Scotland. On the second day England recorded a victory by winning the doubles match and another singles match, while the remaining single match was stopped by rain at set all and 2-1 in games to Scotland.

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BRITISH TRADE INQUIRY.

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE.

Mr. Webb (President of the Board of Trade) announced in the House of Commons recently in reply to Sir A. Shirley Bena (U. Plymouth, Drake), that Sir Arthur Balfour, of Sheffield, had undertaken the duties of chairman of the Committee of Inquiry upon British Trade, and that the other members of the committee were as follow:—

Mr. John Baker.
Sir W. H. Beveridge.
Mr. Henry Boothman.
Mr. W. T. Charter.
Mr. C. T. Cramp.
Mr. Hugh Dalton.
Sir Harry Goschen.
Mrs. M. A. Hamilton.
Mr. F. A. Hargreaves.
Sir Norman Hill.
Sir John Hindley.
Sir David Laidlaw.
Mr. W. C. Lee.
Mr. P. J. Pybus.
Mr. Arthur Shaw.
Sir Allan Smith.
Sir Hubert Llewellyn Smith.

The reply from one further proposed member was still outstanding owing to his absence abroad. The terms of reference were: "to inquire into and report upon the conditions and prospects of British industry and commerce, with special reference to the export trade, and to make recommendations in regard thereto." It was proposed also to furnish the Committee with a memorandum which, without constituting a definition of the inquiry, might serve as explanatory of the subjects on which investigation was specially desired.

Sir A. Shirley Bena asked if Mr. Webb considered the terms of reference sufficiently wide to enable the Committee to investigate the hours of labour and wages paid in competitive industries in the principal competing countries, and what were the restrictions, if any, in force in this and other countries in competitive industries. And were the terms sufficiently wide to cover an inquiry into the corresponding burden of rates and taxes in competitive industries in this and foreign competing countries?

Mr. Webb said all the topics referred to by Sir A. Shirley Bena would be within the scope of the reference. That would be made clear when hon. members had an opportunity of reading the explanatory memorandum which would be circulated. The memorandum referred to by Mr. Webb is as follows:—

"The first question to which the attention of the Committee should be directed is the present position of British overseas trade and the prospect of British participation in the markets of the world being such as to ensure sufficient and continuous employment and a satisfactory standard of living in this country. The examination of tendencies and developments in the markets of the world and also in the chief competing countries will be involved, together with an inquiry into the growth of competition with British goods in these markets, the likelihood of its continuance, and its probable consequences."

The second question is the ability of British industry to meet competition under the conditions thus determined and to adapt itself to changes in the nature of overseas demand. This involves an inquiry into British productive capacity and organisation, including the supply and efficiency of capital, labour, and management, the present and future adequacy of raw materials and possible improvements in their utilisation, and the part played by the United Kingdom in new developments of industry, particularly those which are the outcome of scientific research. Matters to which attention might be directed are the present extent of large-scale production, its possibilities and limitations; the efficiency of plant and equipment; power supply and transport as factors in cost of production; marketing organisation at home and abroad; and the current methods of industrial and commercial finance. It will be necessary, in addition, to take account of the effect of State regulative action upon costs and output.

"The third question is that of the relations between those engaged in production. This will involve inquiry into methods of industrial remuneration, the main causes of unrest and disputes, and the methods of avoidance or settlement of disputes, as, for example, co-partnership, co-operation, Wages Board, and voluntary arbitration, State regulation of wages, and compulsory arbitration and compulsory enforcement and extension of agreements."

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET
CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1924.

Hongkong and Shanghai	\$1,200 b.
Canton Insurance	\$730 b.
Union Insurance	\$233 b.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$590 b.
Douglas Steamships	\$62 b.
H.K. & M. Steamships	\$48 b.
"Star" Ferries	\$103 ss.
China Sugar	\$380 nom.
Kowloon Wharves	\$115 ss.
Whampoa Docks	\$165 ss.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 924/93 ss.
Hongkong Lands	\$119 nom.
Hongkong Hotels	\$24 (old) \$23 (new) ss.
Humphreys Estates	\$24 ss.
Cement	\$25 ss.
Hongkong Rope	\$59 (combined) b.
China Provident	\$164 ex div. b.
Dairy Farms	\$274 b.
Watson	\$274 b.
Hongkong Electric	\$42 ss.
China Lights	\$244 (combined) ss.
Hongkong Tramways	\$42 b.
Peak Tramways	\$20 b.

(b—buyers; s—sellers; ss—sales.

FOREIGN TRADE OF CHINA.

In the course of an article on the general position and stagnation in China, the Peking correspondent of *The Times* writes that in the midst of all the confusion that prevails the foreign trade is well maintained and it can even be argued, is increasing. Foreign merchants are not prospering as of yore, because they are redeeming the losses incurred since the war and because the Chinese are cutting into their business and doing direct to some extent what the foreigners used to do for them on a commission basis. But the volume of trade remains, as the following Customs figures for the first quarter of 1924 seem to prove conclusively:—

	1923.	1924.
January	Hk. tls. 3,583,000	4,315,000
February	3,422,000	3,995,000
March	4,498,000	6,390,000
	11,483,000	14,807,000

Before calculating the extent of the increase it has to be remembered that the effective 5 per cent. tariff now in operation was estimated to produce an additional tls. 7,000,000 per annum. On that basis the takings for the first months of 1924 should have been a little over 12 million taels. They are, in fact, nearly 15 million, and by comparison with 1923 at least two millions greater, after making allowance for the higher tariff.

The tragedy of the situation is that this great market, still so insistently absorbed of foreign goods, should be restrained in expansion by the internal conditions at the moment when unemployment is breaking the heart of the British working man. All indications here are that any improvement in the conditions would lead to an immediate and substantial increase in foreign trade. British goods are in high favour and would inevitably share largely in any increase of sales.

RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extreme-Orient of Saigon, in a report dated August 12th say:—

The rice market has remained unchanged. Price of paddy is firm although the disposal of stocks is difficult, save special quantities which are shipping regularly to Hongkong. Sellers would be ready to allow a reduction of price should buyers make interesting offers, but there is still a big difference that prevents transactions.

There has been some demand in broken rice. Nos. 1 and 2 mixed from Java for shipments October-November. But no business was made. A slight tendency to decline is reported for prompt shipments, but prices remain firm for far-off deliveries.

The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to July 23rd, 1924, is 795,001 tons against 811,129 in 1923.

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Messrs. Wm. G. Hale & Co., Ltd., of Saigon, in a circular dated August 18th, say:—

During the last fortnight, our market has been particularly quiet. Inquiries came only from Java and Manila. From Java for small lots of broken 1 and 2, and from Manila for rice No. 2—40 per cent. broken.

No demands whatever for rice No. 1—25 per cent.

Stocks of broken 1 and 2 are very low and prices consequently are rising. It seems that the last business was effected to cover speculative sales as it was quite impossible to find a buyer at the current market prices. Our market is somewhat weaker for some qualities of rice, but on the whole prices have receded very little and the general tendency is firm, the stocks of paddy being reported as rather low.

New Crop.—Work is advancing everywhere. In some districts the weather has not been very favourable and the provinces of Chaudoc and Longxuyen are again threatened with floods as last year.

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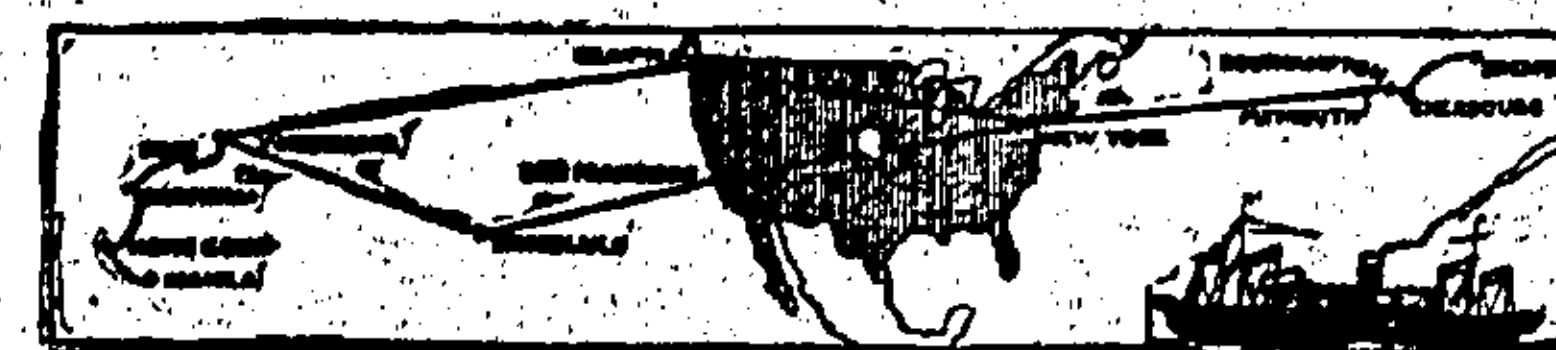
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THE FLOODS IN CHIHLI.
SOLDIERS BUILDING DYKES.

PEKING, August 22nd.

The work of General Feng's soldiers in building strong dykes along the Yangtze-ho at Huang Tu Po will be finished within a few days when they will be withdrawn to the river. The water is reported to have gone down a foot and a half to-day and it is believed that all serious danger is passed.

General Feng to-day still has 5,000 men at work on the curve of the river at Huang Tu Po where he has built a dyke 35 feet from the river bottom to the top of the dyke, which is 40 feet across. Built of sand bags and willow branches these dykes are expected to withstand the water and not only prevent it from overflowing into the countryside, but to keep it in a straighter course.

In connection with the report that local legal institutions desired to give a sum of money as a reward to General Feng's men who have been fighting back the water day and night, General Feng is understood to hold that it is not necessary to pay his men for their sacrifice since they worked out of a sense of duty to the community.

The Christian General, however, did tell the representatives of the institutions that he was not averse to them giving his men new clothing to replace that ruined by mud and water or torn by the willow branches. This would merely be a replacement of the property of his men and not an additional gift.

Yesterday the Ta Hsin and Wang-ping District Magistrates were sent by the Mayor of the Metropolitan District to congratulate General Feng's soldiers at Huang Tu Po. These officials were surprised at the spirit of the men who have been digging the mud for several weeks and their attitude toward the farmers. They were told that the soldiers explain to the farmers whose property they are saving that they do it because they feel their obligation is there rather than idling away their time at Nan Yuan. Having been farmers before soldiers, they realize what it means to have farms saved from flood.

Over 200,000 sand bags were used in the dyke operations of General Feng as well as countless willow branches. The General is much worried over the fact that the Government has not paid the farmers for the willow branches, which had to be cut in some cases much to the distress of the poor farmers, who, however realized the good use to which they would be put. The River Conservancy Bureau has given the farmers who helped the work on the dykes, promissory notes for the Government can find money. General Feng does not think that fair, and insists that actual copers be paid the farmers, in some proportion at least.

Local papers to-day publish a letter from General Feng's staff denying the report that his men received \$50,000. General Feng told the local newspapermen that he did not even expect a copper from the Ministry of Finance and certainly has not asked for anything for his men.

The \$50,000 referred to, is thought to be that turned over to the River Conservancy Bureau through the Mayor's Office. None of it went to General Feng or his men.—*Chung Mei.*

A TYPHOON.

NEWS FROM AN OUTPOST.

The following found its way into the *Daily Press* letter box:—

PAPAYA VILLA, August, 1924.

DEAREST ANNE,—What a week! Rain! Rain! Rain! until we thought there was no more rain left in all the Heavens, and then lo! and behold this typhoon bursts upon us and it rains harder than ever. *Quelle vie*, and believe me, my dear, this letter is written under difficulties and wondering whether the post will blow off with the next gust of wind, and where we would lay our wet and weary heads should this contingency occur. Never before did I realize the comfort in the words of the song "O wert thou in the cold, cold blast I'd shelter thee," etc. I hope my quotation is correct. I never made any pretence of being able to write Scotch—it ties one's pen up just the same as the language ties up one's tongue. But to return to the subject I started on. Of course, this is not a bad typhoon as typhoons go (*blow* I should say); but it is bad enough to be uncomfortable. The best of writing to you, my dear, is that you have news, and been in one, and as bad as the one I was in in 19— "One of the dining-room windows has just given beneath the strain and poor G— nearly lost his front hair and eyebrows in boarding it up with the amah's ironing board and a stray shutter which landed on our front verandah. I have just had the pleasure of seeing the side-board mirror smashed and favourite cut-glass dish (wedding present) hurled to atoms and have been lamenting over the debris like Job, or was it Jeremiah? Anyway like one of those gentlemen of Semitic origin whose sorrows one hears of in Scripture class. I suppose these little things are only sent to try us. I think one has enough trials "Out East" to merit a special dispensation in the next world. Of course, you people at home don't know what typhoon can be like—even a baby one. You have never, for instance, stood at your window and watched your neighbour's entire livestock sail past several feet above *terra firma* and accompanied by a matched or so! *Jamais de la vie*, yes it certainly has its humorous side. Of course, the garden (one can still call it by that name) is in a sad way. Three of our favourite trees gone—one having fallen on the chicken house and entirely demolished the roof. I am sorry for the inhabitants thereof. Our domestics will have chicken for their meals for some time, I expect. "Chickens! All have make die, he ah have blow away. Not My no saby." And one gets no further.

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THE TRADE OF AMOY.

CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER'S
REPORT FOR 1923.

Mr. J. H. Macoun, Commissioner of Customs at Amoy, in his report on the foreign trade of the port for the year 1923 says:—

LOCAL.

The gross value of the trade of Amoy for the year 1923 was Hk. Tls. 30,429,459, a total which, though less than the totals for 1922 (Hk. Tls. 31,900,422) or for 1921 (Hk. Tls. 31,999,033), compares favourably with the figures for 1920 (Hk. Tls. 23,048,563). There is, as usual, an adverse balance of trade, the excess of imports over exports amounting in value to Hk. Tls. 20,738,857, or \$31,107,982. In previous reports the manner in which this difference has been met—by remittance of the savings of Chinese labourers abroad, of profits derived from trade, of interest from investments, etc.—has often been discussed. It is reported that remittances received from abroad were larger in 1923 than in 1922, because the rate of exchange was more favourable for remitting, larger sums were required to meet the increased cost of living at home, and it was profitable to purchase home property in Amoy. Chinese bankers, I understand, consider that my estimate (see Trade Report for 1922) of the collective wealth of Fukiensis resident in foreign countries, namely, \$1,500,000,000, is understated by at least \$500,000,000. It would be interesting to investigate how the total wealth of Chinese in foreign countries compares with the wealth of foreigners in China.

In the early months of the year trade was satisfactory, in spite of the fact that political conditions were anything but stable. The import trade, particularly with foreign countries, was very brisk, the revenue for the quarter showing an advance of fully Hk. Tls. 40,000 on the figures of March quarter 1922. Though the revenue benefited by the introduction of the new Import Tariff on the 17th January, this factor is only partly responsible for the satisfactory result. Conditions were adverse to good trading during the second quarter of the year, practices occurred frequently along the coast, and an anti-Japanese boycott was declared on the 8th April and carried out very vigorously. Throughout the September quarter chaos reigned supreme in most parts of South Fukiensis. During the last two months of the quarter cases of piracy and robbery were of frequent occurrence; steam-launches and junks ceased running on the coast, shops closed their doors, and all persons who could afford to do so fled to Kulangsu for safety. The loss suffered by the merchants of Amoy is estimated at \$2,000,000. What the unfortunate people on the mainland suffered it is impossible to gauge. Though the political situation had not changed at the beginning of the last quarter of the year, the cessation of active hostilities and the cancellation of the anti-Japanese boycott seemed to restore some measure of confidence to traders. Imports of foreign goods, particularly, were made in increased quantities, the export trade was more active, and the revenue showed a good advance. It is to be noted, however, that large stocks remained in Amoy at the end of the year, as the expectation that a strong demand from the interior would arise was not realised, though stocks up country were known to be running short.

During the course of the year there was much military activity on the part of the regular and irregular troops occupying this province. Road-making has continued in several districts during the year. A new road from Fukiensis to Changchow was completed in January and another road, from Chinmei to Tungan, was finished some months later. Great building activity was observable in Kulangsu during the year. Owing to the disorders on the mainland and in Amoy city, large numbers of people migrated to the International Settlement, with the result that rents rose of exorbitant figures. Though many of the refugees have now left the island, it is certain that the population has increased considerably during the year.

REVENUE.

The total revenue, Hk. Tls. 692,003, is the largest collection in the past 10 years, exceeding the net revenue for last year (Hk. Tls. 673,073) by almost Hk. Tls. 19,000. The monthly revenue was at its lowest in February, rising sharply in March. The monthly collections then fell steadily till September, but rose again rapidly during the last months of the year, the December collection being the highest. Import duties, coast trade duties, and transit duties all exhibit increases, while the decreases under the remaining headings are small. There is little doubt that it was simply the disturbed state of this district that prevented a very substantial increase of revenue being recorded, as the new Import Tariff came into force on the 17th January, 1923.

SHIPPING.

(a.) Under General Regulations.—It is satisfactory to record that the tonnage of the shipping entering Amoy during the past year shows a solid advance on the figures for 1922, the total for 1923 being 3,136,384 tons, compared with a total of 2,940,968 tons for 1922. As usual, there was keen competition in the emigrant trade; in March quarter Messrs. Hap Ek & Co. inaugurated a new service to Singapore, Penang, and Rangoon with two steamers, the *s.s. Gorgistan* and the *s.s. Naranya*. While the anti-Japanese boycott continued Japanese steamers carried very little cargo inward or outward.

(b.) Imports.—The value of Chinese goods imported was Hk. Tls. 11,723,783, which total compares well with the value for any recent year, except 1920 (Hk. Tls. 12,020,053). The value of the goods re-exported amounted to Hk. Tls. 387,129, reducing the net total of imports to Hk. Tls. 11,336,654, which is the second best total ever recorded. Chinese factory produce again registers a remarkable advance, which probably was much assisted by the prolonged boycott of competing Japanese products, though Chinese manufactures in recent years have been steadily establishing themselves in popular favour. Cotton yarn fell away markedly. This is partly accounted for by the fact that cotton yarn is largely imported direct from Shanghai to certain districts which formerly obtained their supplies from Amoy. Benicake and beans were again imported in large quantities, both showing some advances on last year's totals. The former being largely used to fertilise the poppy fields, the large importation is not an unmixed blessing. While there is little alteration in the totals shown under candles, cigarettes, and leaf tobacco it is satisfactory to record advances under samshu, vermicelli, and, particularly, under umbrella paper. On the other hand, wheat flour has fallen away more than 30 per cent. from last year's figures.

(c.) Inwards (under Transit Pass).—The value of the foreign goods sent to the interior under transit pass was Hk. Tls. 1,084,514, which is a decrease on the total for 1922 (Hk. Tls. 1,177,760) and for 1921 (Hk. Tls. 1,406,039). The decrease must be largely ascribed to the insecurity and general disorder in the interior. The principal articles protected by transit

pass were shirtings and sheetings, drills and jeans, T-cloths, cement, sulphate of ammonia, kerosene oil, gasoline, white sugar, and yellow paraffin wax. All the transit passes issued were for places in Fukiensis. Reference was made in last year's report to the paucity of good roads restricting trade with the interior. It is satisfactory to report that in several districts the authorities are exerting themselves to remedy this defect.

(d.) Outwards (under Transit Certificate).—Though the unsettled state of the interior still prevents this trade prospering as in former years, it is satisfactory to record a slight advance of last year's total. Narcissus bulbs were brought down in considerable quantities, while prepared tobacco shows an increase over the total for the past year.

(e.) Special.—The trade in Chinese factory products suffered a temporary setback during the past year, the value of the goods forwarded being Hk. Tls. 1,116,688, against Hk. Tls. 1,134,388 in 1922. Increased totals are shown under shirtings and sheetings, drills and jeans, cotton towels, and paper (Shanghai mill). On the other hand, Shanghai cotton yarn and candles exhibit diminished returns.

Most of the vessels entering the port flew the British or Japanese flags, the remainder mainly sailing under the Chinese, Dutch, and American flags. It is worthy of mention that a ship registered under the Chinese flag made one trip carrying emigrants.

(f.) Under Inland Steam Navigation Rules.—The tonnage engaged in inland water transportation in 1923 was much less than in the preceding year—360,941 tons, against 402,287 tons in 1922. The number of vessels, too—6,819—entering port in 1923 exhibits a marked falling off when compared with the total entries for the preceding year—9,528 vessels. This decrease in the figures is mainly accounted for by the fact that for a time, owing to the disturbed state of all inland districts, steam-launches entirely ceased running, while even now the service to several inland places is much curtailed. There is little doubt that the trade will be as brisk as formerly once order is restored in the country districts and on the coast. The steam-launch *Kuany* was pirated in the vicinity of Chuanchow and carried off to the south. The vessel was released shortly afterwards.

FOREIGN GOODS.

(a.) Imports, Direct and Coastwise.—Compared with the figures for 1922, the falling off in the value of foreign goods imported is roughly Hk. Tls. 1,700,000, the total for 1923 being Hk. Tls. 13,960,273, against Hk. Tls. 15,549,323 in 1922. Of the articles imported, goods to the value of Hk. Tls. 378,393 were re-exported, thus reducing the net importation to Hk. Tls. 13,581,880. Smaller quantities of English plain cotton piece goods were imported, while dyed and fancy cotton goods appear to have maintained their hold on the market. The trade in Japanese piece goods suffered severely, and the figures exhibit large decreases under the principal headings. Both Indian and Japanese cotton yarn have fallen away, particularly the latter, though the competition of Chinese cotton yarn has not been so severely felt as in the preceding year. Under metals, both tin in slabs and tinned plates exhibit decreased totals. While the falling off in the importation of foreign rice would seem to indicate improvement in the home supply, there is an increase in the importation of foreign flour. Cigarettes and coal exhibit decreased totals, and aniline dyes were imported in slightly larger quantities. The figures for dried and salt fish are unsatisfactory, both showing marked decreases. A marked decrease is to be recorded under gasoline, benzene, petrol, etc.; kerosene oil, too, was imported in much smaller quantities. On the other hand, all kinds of sugar were imported in larger quantities.

(b.) Re-exports.—The goods re-exported to foreign and native ports comprised cotton piece goods, metals, empty casks, cigarettes, coal, artificial indigo, fishery products, ginseng, manures, matches, medicines, kerosene oil, and white sugar.

CHINESE GOODS.

(a.) Exports, Abroad and Coastwise (including Re-exports).—It is noteworthy that, in spite of the disturbed state of South Fukiensis during the past year, the total value of the exports (Hk. Tls. 4,845,401) exceeds the total value for 1922 (Hk. Tls. 4,684,353) and is only about Hk. Tls. 90,000 below the figures for 1921 (Hk. Tls. 4,932,801). The exports to foreign countries exhibit a notable advance of almost Hk. Tls. 400,000, while the exports to Chinese ports have fallen away about Hk. Tls. 200,000. The Chinese population of this district generally is more closely connected in business and better acquainted with Singapore, Batavia, Manila, Rangoon, and Saigon than with most of the great trading centres of China. Apart from this, this district derives much of its annual income from overseas Chinese. The trade with foreign countries containing large colonies of Chinese inhabitants, originally hailing from Amoy, is thus more likely to expand than the trade with other parts of China where few natives of Amoy reside. Compared with last year's returns, brown sugar, white sugar, and sugar candy have done badly; the quantity exported of the last-mentioned article being less than half the quantity shipped in 1922. The most satisfactory advance is to be recorded under bricks and tiles, though increased totals are also to be noted under hemp burl, quality paper, and leaf tobacco. Dried lungans, 2nd quality paper, joss paper, and paper umbrellas (kittyols) have fallen off.

(b.) Imports.—The value of Chinese goods imported was Hk. Tls. 11,723,783, which total compares well with the value for any recent year, except 1920 (Hk. Tls. 12,020,053). The value of the goods re-exported amounted to Hk. Tls. 387,129, reducing the net total of imports to Hk. Tls. 11,336,654, which is the second best total ever recorded. Chinese factory produce again registers a remarkable advance, which probably was much assisted by the prolonged boycott of competing Japanese products, though Chinese manufactures in recent years have been steadily establishing themselves in popular favour. Cotton yarn fell away markedly. This is partly accounted for by the fact that cotton yarn is largely imported direct from Shanghai to certain districts which formerly obtained their supplies from Amoy. Benicake and beans were again imported in large quantities, both showing some advances on last year's totals. The former being largely used to fertilise the poppy fields, the large importation is not an unmixed blessing. While there is little alteration in the totals shown under candles, cigarettes, and leaf tobacco it is satisfactory to record advances under samshu, vermicelli, and, particularly, under umbrella paper. On the other hand, wheat flour has fallen away more than 30 per cent. from last year's figures.

(c.) Inwards (under Transit Pass).—The value of the foreign goods sent to the interior under transit pass was Hk. Tls. 1,084,514, which is a decrease on the total for 1922 (Hk. Tls. 1,177,760) and for 1921 (Hk. Tls. 1,406,039). The decrease must be largely ascribed to the insecurity and general disorder in the interior. The principal articles protected by transit

pass were shirtings and sheetings, drills and jeans, T-cloths, cement, sulphate of ammonia, kerosene oil, gasoline, white sugar, and yellow paraffin wax. All the transit passes issued were for places in Fukiensis. Reference was made in last year's report to the paucity of good roads restricting trade with the interior. It is satisfactory to report that in several districts the authorities are exerting themselves to remedy this defect.

(d.) Outwards (under Transit Certificate).—Though the unsettled state of the interior still prevents this trade prospering as in former years, it is satisfactory to record a slight advance of last year's total. Narcissus bulbs were brought down in considerable quantities, while prepared tobacco shows an increase over the total for the past year.

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TREASURY.

The value of the treasure imported was Hk. Tls. 2,458,892, while the exports of treasure amounted to Hk. Tls. 1,853,994. These totals are very low compared with the average annual imports and exports during the last ten years, which may be partly accounted for by the very disturbed conditions which prevailed for such a long period during the past year. The bulk of the treasure received came from Shanghai and Swatow, and the treasure exported was sent to Shanghai, Foochow, and Swatow. While coin was the form in which imports were usually received and exports usually despatched, a part of the imports consisted of bullion—gold bars, etc., to the value of Hk. Tls. 107,932, and silver in bars and sycee to the value of Hk. Tls. 22,406—as well as a small part of the exports—gold bars, etc., valued at Hk. Tls. 333. The fact that considerable sums of money are annually brought into Amoy on the persons of returning emigrants was unpleasantly verified when the steamer *Kuany* was pirated and a large sum in silver coins was stolen from the passengers, who were largely emigrants returning from Singapore and the Dutch East Indies and proceeding to their native places.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

The passenger traffic, both inward and outward, was smaller in 1923 than in recent years, but the falling off was mainly in the traffic to and from inland waters places. As referred to under "Shipping," the unsettled state of the interior restricted passenger traffic very much during the course of the year. On the other hand, passengers leaving for coast and foreign ports exceeded in number those who left last year, while the number of passengers returning from abroad was little below the total for 1922. The cultivation of the poppy, which is still permitted, has again given occupation to many labourers and, consequently, reduced the number of emigrants to foreign countries. It may be interesting to state that, though labourers of all ages emigrate, the majority are young adults between the ages of 25 and 35. During the year 1923 the proportion of women and children emigrating, compared with the adult males, was higher than in the preceding year. This feature was particularly noticeable during the adult males, was higher than in the preceding year. This feature was particularly noticeable during the last three months of the year. About 2 per cent. of the emigrants are rejected, usually for eye diseases and blindness, skin diseases, physical deformities, and general physical unfitness. The traffic on the Changchow-Amoy Railway was even smaller than last year. It does not appear that trade as Amoy will derive much benefit from this railway so long as the line is not pushed farther into the interior, so as to be able to bring down agricultural products and minerals to this port from its rich and largely untapped hinterland, as well as to facilitate the carriage of imports to inland places.

OPIMUM.

The cultivation of the poppy was carried on openly in most districts of South Fukiensis and a large revenue collected from the cultivators. The revenue from this source "a Southern Fukiensis probably exceeded the estimated proceeds of the tax in 1922, namely, \$1,000,000. From time to time the officers of the Customs made seizures of opium, morphia, etc., which were confiscated. Owing to the unsettled local situation, permission was given to destroy all Customs confiscated noxious drugs, etc., in stock by sinking them at sea instead of burning them on shore. Accordingly, on the 25th July, 1923, a large quantity of opium, morphia, and cocaine was taken out to sea by the revenue steamer *Pingching* and, in the presence of Chinese and foreign witnesses, completely destroyed and sunk in deep water. The value of the narcotics destroyed was about \$100,000.

LOCAL SPORT.

HAPPY VALLEY GOLF.

A CORRECTION.

The Optional Sweep Stakes Competition played at Happy Valley on August 21st was won by A. E. Lissman 93-18-75 and not a tie as published in yesterday's papers.

The explanation of the erroneous report is that the information published was in accordance with the particulars posted on the board at Happy Valley on Sunday.

MILITARY FOOTBALL.

The following match will take place on the Murray Barracks Football ground, this evening at 5.30 p.m. in connection with the "Montague-Bates" Platform Challenge Cup:—Replay (2nd round) Drums and Sigs. (red and white) v. No. 7 Platoon (blue and white).

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

THE STRIKE SETTLEMENT.

The Volunteers are asking for advance copies of the proposed rules before submitting finally to the demand for the re-organisation of the Corps. Dr. Sun Yat-sen has suggested a contribution by the Canton merchants of a military fund of \$500,000. The merchants have been advised by General Fan, one of the mediators, to meet this desire. It is understood that General Fan will see that the arms are returned to the Merchant Volunteers within seven days after August 20th and that, should objection be offered to any of the proposed rules for the government of the volunteers, he will arrange for a better understanding and a revision in favour of the volunteers.

VOLUNTEER OFFICER SHOT.

Major C. King Shin, of the 9th Regiment of the Canton Merchant Volunteer Corps, was shot on the night of August 22nd by General Wu Tze-shen of the Kwangtung Constabulary, in connection with the arms dispute in Canton. Major Chau was accused of having been instrumental in inciting the general strike in Canton. It is believed that Major Chau was the only volunteer who lost his life while on duty in connection with the people's cause. Suitable honour will be conferred by the volunteers on the late Major Chau, after the arms have been restored. Major Chau was only 23 years old and left a wife, three years younger, but no children. "Duty," replied Major Chau, when asked before his death by the authorities as to who had asked him to oppose the Government.

ANOTHER MERCHANT VOLUNTEER SHOT.

The enlistment and arming of unemployed coolies at a wage of 35 cents a day as members of the newly-organized Red Army of the Kuomintang Political Party has resulted in another unlawful shooting of a merchant in Canton. On the morning of August 29th, when some lieutenants were setting fire to the Yi Sun Tea House which led to the destruction of sixteen buildings at Ship Sun Hong, one Red shot a merchant volunteer on the back and fatally wounded him, taking a revolver from his victim.

The first shooting of merchants by the Reds occurred on August 27th in Yau Lan Moon Street, where a butcher was killed for refusing to give change for a five-dollar note of the Central Bank of the Kuomintang Government of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, paper money still unacceptable on the market because of the absence of specie to redeem them.

In reference to the summary shooting of Major Chau King-shin of the 9th Regiment of the Canton Merchant Volunteer Corps, by order of Governor Liao Chung-hoi and Chief of Police Wu Tze-shen in Canton on the evening of August 25th, a superior officer of Major Chau said that every shot fired on the patriotic youths of Kwangtung by the militarists will serve as a signal call to the right-minded young men of the province to rise against their oppressors.

THE CURRENCY.

To ease popular opposition, the Central Bank of Dr. Sun Yat-sen in Canton has announced that all payment of public dues and taxes through it shall be made in the notes of the bank, but people possessing the notes may have them redeemed at the bank. The people are now required to give change in silver when notes are tendered; that is, the people do not have to accept the notes as legal tender, unless they prefer to do so.

The Canton Government Mint, which has been turning out quantities of subsidiary coins, during the last few weeks, has stopped coining since August 28th. According to Dr. Sun's Government peculiar orders, the coins recently minted are now only good for circulation among the people, but not for the payment of taxes, which must be made in the banknotes of the Central Bank.

MERCHANTS STRIKE NOT YET ENDED IN INTERIOR.

The merchants outside Canton, apparently not fully understanding the nature of the preliminary agreement for the return of the arms by Dr. Sun to the Canton Merchants Volunteer Corps and the reorganization of their volunteer movement, have not yet ended their strike. Ships and junks plying between Canton and the inland ports have so far failed to run according to their usual schedules.

Unless regular communication is restored early, the coming opening of schools for the next term will be effected, as many schools in the city are patronized by students from outside districts. The popular schools in Canton, like Pui Ying School and others, will resume on September 9th.

The present unsettled conditions in Canton City will delay the progress of the municipal public schools. Since 1920, much progress has been made in municipal education for children in all parts of the city. The Municipal Department of Public Education controls nearly 60 schools of all grades, including a normal, a trade, a business, and an art school. According to a new plan, four schools will be added this fall to provide free education to children of the boat population, a community not much considered as to their general and social welfare until within the last few years. There are nearly 12,000 families living on boats along the Bund of Canton, according to a recent report. It is estimated that more than 21,000 children of school age are not attending schools in Canton.

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QUEEN WILHELMINA'S BIRTHDAY.

OBSERVANCE BY THE DUTCH COMMUNITY IN HONGKONG.

The birthday of Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina was celebrated by the Dutch community in Hongkong on Saturday, 30th August, the actual anniversary falling on Sunday, the 31st. The Consul General (Mr. M. J. Quest) held a largely attended reception before noon; amongst those already being Mr. Gaisford St. Lawrence, on behalf of His Excellency the Governor, the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney General, and several Consular representatives. As soon as the first two officials had arrived, Mr. Consul General Quest proposed the toast of Her Majesty in the Dutch and English languages. Thereafter a continuous stream of visitors made the reception a great success.

In the evening the Dutch community celebrated the day by a dinner in the Dutch Club when practically all the Dutch people, including two captains of Dutch vessels in port, were present. Mr. J. J. Staargard, the Club's President, proposed the loyal toast in the beginning of the evening, for which the Consul General tendered sincere thanks towards the close of the dinner. He availed himself of the opportunity to present the Club with a framed photograph of Princess Juliana, only child and daughter of the Queen, who is the heir-apparent. Mrs. Staargard, at the request of Mr. Quest, kindly unveiled the picture.

The celebrations were extended till an early hour in the morning.

On Sunday the whole Dutch community joined in a bathing picnic as a fitting and refreshing close of the celebrations of Her Majesty's Birthday.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

THE PEACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

We are informed by the Acting Registrar of the University of Hongkong that the value of the Peace Memorial Scholarships has been increased by a further generous gift by the same resident of the Shanghai Settlement who donated these scholarships but who desires to remain anonymous. There is now a revision in the terms of the original trust deed which provides for an increase in the triennial value of each scholarship from £1,215 to £1,330 and in the yearly sum payable to the prizeman, under clause 3 (b) of the original deed, from £300 to £350. Two Peace Memorial Scholarships of the above value will be awarded from the results of the University of Hongkong Matriculation Examinations to be held in November—one scholarship for Electrical Engineering and/or Synthetic Chemistry, and the other for Practical Farming and/or Horticulture.

RICE COOLIES STRIKE.

DEMAND 100 PER CENT. RISE IN WAGES.

Rice-carrying coolies, belonging to the Cargo Coolies Guild, struck work on Saturday last, demanding a rise in their rates of pay amounting to about 100 per cent.

The men are paid on a sliding scale, according to the number of sacks carried, the weight of the sacks, the distance travelled between the ship and the godown on shore, and the number of storeys negotiated.

The coolies remained idle for only about an hour on Saturday, and then resumed their duties, on the employers signifying their willingness to discuss the matter with the Guild.

The men are still at work, pending a settlement. The masters, however, are stated to be unwilling to make the required concessions, as they raised the coolies' rates of pay by 25 per cent. three years ago.

CYCLIST SKIDS ON SAND.

WEEK-END ACCIDENTS.

A Japanese riding a motor-cycle in the New Territories on Saturday was crossing a patch of sand which had been laid on the tarred road, when his machine performed a somersault, and he was pinned beneath it.

A European motorist conveyed him to the Kwong Wah Hospital, where he was discovered to be suffering from injuries to back.

A woman injured in alighting from a moving motor-bus in Lai Chi Kok Road was admitted to the same hospital.

A NEW FLAG.

The Government House in Canton, presided over by Governor Liao Chung-hoi, chief of the labour division of the Kuomintang, has adopted a new flag since August 27th, discarding the five-colour flag of the Republic of China and blue flag of Dr. Sun Yat-sen altogether. The new flag is red in colour and rectangular in shape, and it is now flying on the staff of the ground of the Government House. On the upper left corner of the flag is a blue square on which is mounted a white circle, and on the body of the flag is a sword or something like it.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT.

QUESTION OF PAID SECRETARY TO BE CONSIDERED.

The annual meeting of the Kowloon Cricket Club is to be held on Friday, September 12th, when the question of appointing a paid secretary to take over the duties of Secretary, Steward and General Custodian of Club property is to be discussed. From the annual report of the Club for the year ending July 31st, 1924, we call the following extracts:—

FINANCE.

The profit for the year is \$300.69 only, this being due to heavy expenditure in connection with repairs, additions, and alterations to the pavilion and ground, and also to the reduction in prices for refreshments. In this connection it must be remembered that at the last annual meeting the committee received a mandate from the members present to expend such monies as were necessary for the general improvement and greater comfort of the Club and it is hoped that what has been done has given entire satisfaction.

All the debentures with the exception of four have been redeemed and it is hoped these will be paid off soon.

MEMBERSHIP.

Since the 1st August, 1924, one hundred and nineteen new members have joined the Club, a few old members rejoined and about ninety resigned or had their names removed on account of their departure or for other reasons. The present membership is 475 as against 449 in 1923-24.

The Committee record with deep regret the deaths of Messrs. A. A. Claxton, P. H. Dringer, J. W. Hubbard, R. Hutchison, G. H. May, W. S. Moss, J. Spittles, Wm. Stewart, and W. L. Weaver.

Dr. C. Forsyth, who for many years has been our popular president, recently left the Colony owing to indifferent health and has expressed a desire to be relieved of his duties in this capacity. A fitting presentation was made to him on behalf of the Club as a token of esteem and gratitude for his valued services.

Mr. H. E. Stevens, Hon. Treasurer of the Club, left the Colony in June last on transfer to England and the Committee duly appointed Mr. C. J. Roe to fill the vacancy. For his many years of valuable services on the Committee and as Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Stevens was made the recipient of suitable presentations from the Club before his departure.

GROUNDS AND PAVILION.

The cricket pitch has received considerable attention during the summer months and should be in good order for the coming season. The bowling green has also been considerably enlarged and improved.

The Club was not so successful at the Horticultural Show as in former years, two 1st and three 3rd prizes and two awards of merit being obtained. The flowers and plants are in excellent condition.

Extensive renewals and alterations were made during the season, considerably improving the pavilion throughout, and adding to the general comfort and convenience of members.

CRICKET.

Although not so successful as the previous season, the cricket during 1923-24 was just as bright and enjoyable. We were again without several of our old playing members on account of absence on leave. The first XI played 16 matches, won 5, lost 10 and drew 1. The second XI played 21 matches, won 5, lost 13 and drew 3.

TENNIS.

We entered one team in the first division of the Hongkong Tennis League and two teams in the second division, but all matches are not yet played owing to constant postponements on account of rain. "The first division team tied for first place with the United Services Recreation Club and the Indian Recreation Club and arrangements were made for a play off to decide Championship honours. Although the second division team have not been very successful the many matches played have afforded a large number of our tennis enthusiasts much enjoyment.

BOWLS.

The Bowls' Committee has had the green enlarged and the old portion as well as the new has been thoroughly drained, and given fine weather, the lawn will be found to compare favourably with any in the Colony. For the first time in the history of bowls' season we have entered two teams in the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League. The team in the "A" division has proved itself worthy of its place and is assured of its present position. The "B" team, with the assistance of some of the older players, is doing as well as was expected and is bringing forward new enthusiasts for next season. To these older players our thanks are due.

GOLF.

The Golf Section of the Club, which for the past fifteen years has been one of the outstanding features, has automatically ceased to exist with the conversion of King's Park. There has been universal regret at the loss of King's Park Course but we are looking forward to playing soon on the new links under construction at Kowloon City.

CLUB SPORTS RESULTS.

ANNUAL LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT, 1924.

Open Championship.—Winner, T. Lay; runner-up, H. Krebs. Challenge round, T. Lay defeated S. E. Green (holder).

Scratch Pairs.—Winners, E. Abraham and N. Trambitzky; runners-up, R. E. Lindell and T. Lay.

Handicap Doubles.—Finalists, A. W. Ramsey and A. J. Kew v. L. A. R. Duncan and N. Trambitzky.

Handicap Singles.—Winner, A. W. Ramsey; runner-up, S. E. Green.

Handicap Singles.—"B" Winner, E. Savage; runner-up, E. Trambitzky.

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SEQUEL TO A DEAL IN PROPERTY.

CONCUBINE WHO FAILED IN HER PROMISE.

A concubine named Wong, living in Conduit Road was the defendant in an action dealt with in the Supreme Court yesterday morning by the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Gompertz) sitting in Original Jurisdiction.

A Chinese banker named Lung Shun Chao sued the defendant for the specific performance of two agreements dated respectively November 13th, 1922, and January 6th, 1923, for the sale of the defendant to the plaintiff of the properties known as "Section B of Marine Lot No. 67 and Section A of Inland Lot No. 1916, and Section L of Inland No. 201."

Alternatively the plaintiff claimed a declaration that he was entitled to have delivered up the title deeds of the said properties.

In the further alternative the plaintiff claimed: (a) Damages for breach of the two agreements; and (b) the sum of \$37,800 paid by the plaintiff to the defendant as deposits under the two mentioned agreements. He also claimed interest on the said sum of \$37,800 at 8 per cent. per annum and the costs of the action.

The defendant did not appear in Court and the case was proceeded with *ex parte*. Mr. Campbell Prosser, instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ, represented the plaintiff.

After evidence had been tendered by the plaintiff, and other Chinese and Mr. E. Davidson, solicitor, in whose office certain documents were drawn up, His Lordship made an order for specific performance of the two agreements together with the costs of the case.

COURT OF APPEAL.

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Messrs. Justice Gompertz and Dyer Ball sat in the Court of Appellate Jurisdiction yesterday to hear an appeal against the decision of Mr. Justice Gompertz (delivered in Chambers). The appellants were Messrs. Cary and Co., of Canton, and the respondents, the General Electric Company of China Ltd.

Mr. N. I. Brewer represented the appellants and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Brewer said the appeal was lodged on the grounds that the writ was bad because it should have been against Messrs. Cary and not against Messrs. Cary and Co. He claimed that a writ could not be served on a firm. He also submitted that the service was bad. The question at issue was whether the defects were cured by the appearance of Mr. Silva as the person in control; even if this were so the defects were only cured in respect of the partner who put in an appearance.

Mr. Potter submitted that under Section 41 of the Code it was a good service in Hongkong provided the writ was served on the authorised agent of the firm although that firm did not actually come within the jurisdiction of the Court. If a firm or corporation set up business in Hongkong it was good service, even though the principal firm in America and did not intend to come to Hongkong.

Mr. Brewer pointed out that Mr. Cary had filed an affidavit at the request of Mr. Silva stating that Cary and Co., of Canton and Cary and Co., of Hongkong were not the same firms.

This comprised the main point of the appeal and their Lordships reserved their decisions.

BIG OPIUM FINE.

MAN ORDERED TO PAY \$11,000.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday two men appeared before Mr. Hamilton charged with the unlawful possession of \$100 taels of prepared opium, valued at \$900, and 80 taels of raw opium, valued at \$300.

One defendant was discharged, and the other ordered to pay a fine of \$11,000, or go to prison with hard labour for twelve months.

Ladies' Championship Singles.—Winner, Mrs. M. Minney; runner-up, Mrs. J. A. Howe.

Mixed Doubles.—Winners, T. Lay and Mrs. McCaw; runners-up, A. W. Ramsey and Miss Capell.

BATTING AND BOWLING AVERAGES.

Best batting average 1st XI, A. W. Ramsey (27.07).

Best bowling average 1st XI, J. O. Fletcher (13.88).

Best batting average 2nd XI, J. Fraser (20.81).

Best bowling average 2nd XI, A. O. Brown (7.80).

GOLF.

Mead Championship.—Winner, T. Grant; runner-up, H. Overy.

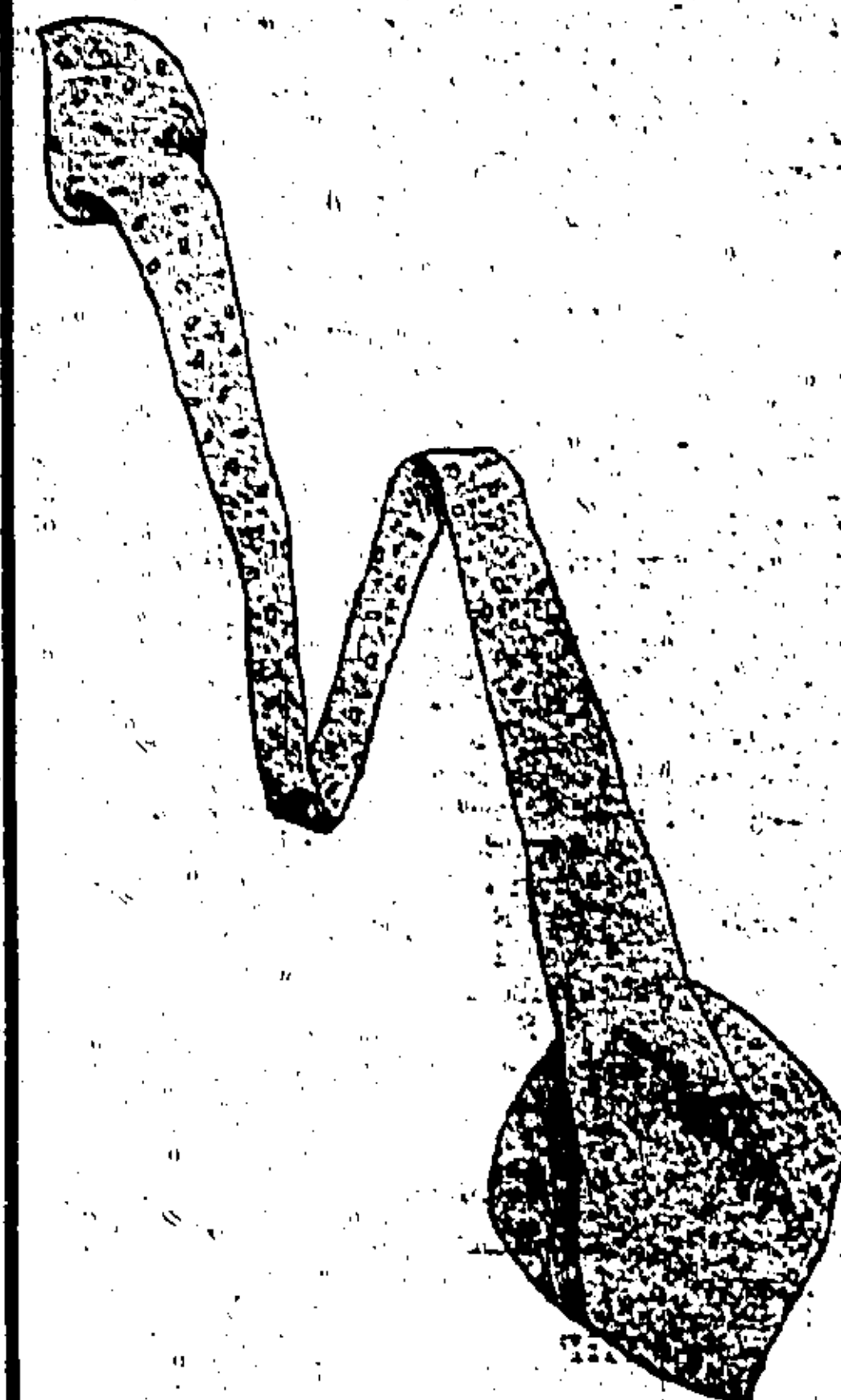
Captain's Cup.—Winner, H. Overy; runner-up, K. A. Mason.

Chin's Mail Cup.—Winner, T. Monaghan; runner-up, A. W. Muir.

High Handicap.—Winner, T. Monaghan; runner-up, P. Heathcote.

Mixed Foursomes.—Winners, H. Overy and Mrs. Atkinson; runners-up, J. G. Fletcher and Mrs. Howe.

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1924. [1213]

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R. RODENFUSER,
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Hongkong, 1st September, 1924. [1215]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. No Claims will be admitted after the 8th of September, 1924, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Goldard & Douglas on the 6th of September, 1924, at 10 a.m.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 11th of September, 1924, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 31st August, 1924. [1210]

LLOYD TRIESTINO S.N. CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "PIUMEL"

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, PORT SAID, MASSAUA, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. No Claims will be admitted after the 8th of September, 1924, will be subject to Rent.

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Hongkong, 31st August, 1924. [1210]

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMER FOR STRAITS, COLOMBO, AUSTRALIA, BOMBAY, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS & LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERMAN, GILF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE SARDINIA

Capt. O. SINGER, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this Port on or about THURSDAY, the 4th SEPTEMBER, 1924, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables and Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Bombay into the Mail Steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 5 p.m., the Day before Sailing. The contents and value of all packages must be declared.

For further particulars, apply to—

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th August, 1924. [1222]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DEBUT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 11th, and MONDAY, 18th OCTOBER, 1924 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES.

Entries Close on 27th September, 1924. [1195]

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1924, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Fifteenth Months ended the 30th June, 1924; confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 3rd of September, 1924, until WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of September, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PERCY H. SICKLING,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1924. [1201]

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

THE NEXT SESSION opens on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, at 1.15 o'clock.

If sufficient support is forthcoming, a New Class for Beginners will be commenced. Incoming students should attend at the School (Masonic Building, Icehouse Street) on MONDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, WEDNESDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER, or FRIDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER, between 1 and 2.30 p.m. to discuss details with the Director of Studies, the Rev. Dr. T. W. FARRER, O.B.E.

By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1924. [1206]

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TO LET—OFFICES on Top Floor, No. 14, PEDDER STREET.

For particulars apply to—

PROPERTY OFFICE,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

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PRINCE LINE FAR EAST SERVICE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship "GOTHIC PRINCE"

having arrived from the above Port on 28th instant, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Wednesday, 3rd September, 1924, at 10 a.m.

All Claims must be presented within 15 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 4th September, 1924, will be subject to Rent.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned as has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by FURNESS (FAR EAST), LTD., 2nd Floor, King's Building, Connaught Road, Hongkong.

Telephone No. 3165.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1924. [1197]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO'S STEAMER "PESHAWUR"

ARRIVED HONGKONG on 27th August, 1924.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORTSAID, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. No Claims will be admitted after the 4th September, 1924, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th prox., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goldard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1924. [1205]

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMER FOR STRAITS, COLOMBO, AUSTRALIA, BOMBAY, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS & LONDON.

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Hongkong, 30th August, 1924. [1222]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Club will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th, 1924, at 5.30 p.m., for the purpose of confirming the Resolutions passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting held on 14th August.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 26th, 1924. [1184]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH YEARLY DRAWING of 20 DEBENTURES (1920 issue—\$500 each) of the HONGKONG CLUB, Payable on TUESDAY, the 30th SEPTEMBER, 1924, will be held in the Club House at 11 o'clock a.m., on MONDAY, the 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1924. Bidders of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,
T. A. ROBERTSON, Lt.-Col.,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1924. [1191]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

TICKETS will be issued for ROUND TRIP during the Months of JULY to SEPTEMBER, from Hongkong to Foochow (Pagoda Anchorage) and Return, Calling at Swatow and Amoy on both the Upward and Downward Voyages, by the Company's New, Fast, Well-appointed Steamer "HAI-NING" at the Reduced Rate of \$80, for the Round Voyage, including Meals while the Steamer is in Port.

These Special Tickets will be available for Return ONLY by this Steamer, either by the Voyage for which it is issued or by her following Sailing from Foochow. Duration of Stay at Foochow—48 hours.

The Trip occupies 8 to 9 days and the Steamer will leave Hongkong from the Company's Wharf at 5 p.m., Arriving at Daylight on her Return (Weather permitting).

The Company's Steam Launch will convey passengers from HONGKONG ANCHORAGE to Foochow Pier, if required.

For further Particulars and Dates of Sailing, Apply to—

DOUGLAS LAFRAIR & Co.,
General Managers,
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 17th June, 1924. [908]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions To Sell by Public Auction

on

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, the 2nd, 3rd and 4th SEPTEMBER, 1924, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong and at KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT.

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Lots may be inspected on MONDAY, the 1st SEPTEMBER, 1924.

ALSO SALES OF

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Table Linen, Implements, Serge, Flannel, &c., Remnants, Sundry Articles of Men and Table Gear and Clothing (including Electro Plated Gear), Condensed Provisions for Poultry Feeding, &c.

Terms of Sale—As detailed in Catalogue.

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Hongkong, 26th July, 1924. [1157]

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BIRTH.

BREWER—At Shanghai, on August 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. P. G. BREWER, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

WAY—MARSH—At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, M.A., on August 30th, 1924, JONAS WAY, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. WAY, of Auburn, Melbourne, Australia, to CLARA AVIDE, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. MARSH, of "Kingsclere," Kowloon. (Australian papers please copy.) [1214]

DEATH.

OLIVE—At Montana, Switzerland, on July 22nd, of consumption contracted during war, OSCAR EDWARD MORRISON OLIVE, late of Chinese Maritime Customs, youngest son of the late EDWARD OLIVE, of Frome.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 1924.

THE CANTON COMPROMISE.

THERE is something quite Gilbertian about the compromise by which the remarkable strike of the business community at Canton is to come to an end.

Prima facie the Government have come out of it with their colours flying. It is true that they yield to the demand for the release of the arms and ammunition seized on the steamer *Har*, but only on condition that the Merchant Volunteer Corps pay to the Government half a million dollars. Apparently this large sum is not to be used as a payment on account to the vendors of the munitions, the total value of which has been put at about a million dollars, for we have seen the amount described as a contribution—or it should rather be described as a forced levy—for "military expenses." In short it is a heavy fine, which the Merchant Volunteers are apparently willing to pay in consideration of the release of the arms and ammunition specified on the import permit granted to them by the Minister of War some days before the ship arrived. Now arises the question.

Of what use are they to make of the arms? The Merchant Volunteer Corps is required to reorganise and subject itself to the orders of the Civil Governor. Such a demand could reasonably be made in a country which had a Government with which a volunteer force called into being for self-defence could properly co-operate. The trouble has been that these Volunteer Corps wherever they have been formed in the province have had to protect their towns and villages from the depredations of brigands in the uniform of the Government as well as brigands wearing no uniform at all. It has been claimed for the Merchant Volunteer Corps of the City of Canton that it has been instrumental in preserving "the semblance of peace" that the City has enjoyed in the troublous times of the past few years aggravated by the quarrels of the alien troops brought in from other provinces to assist the Government in its military campaigns; while as regards the local Corps in the districts of the interior there is much evidence that they have been instrumental in mitigating the oppression of the people of their native villages by the military agents of the Government. They have, in short, won by their deeds the good opinion of the people, and in so far as the re-organisation of the Corps would tend to make them an instrument of oppression, by order of the Government, rather than a bulwark of defence against it, the movement would manifestly lose its *raison d'être* and forfeit its claim to the public confidence it has hitherto enjoyed. It is no wonder that before the majority accept the compromise they want to learn something of the regulations to which they are henceforth required to subject themselves. A movement of this character can never be suppressed by force majeure; while if, on the other hand, the Government desires the co-operation of this extensive organisation it can obviously only hope to win it by coming more into sympathy with the aims and objects that have inspired the organisation from its inception twelve years ago—"Not aggression, but self protection."

So long as the Government of the province is compelled by the urgency of its need of funds for military purposes to levy intolerable burdens on the people and give its mercenary troops a free hand in the exaction of them, so long must the people be expected to protect and do whatever lies in their power to resist tyranny and extortion. The terms of the "settlement" leave out of account the real root of the trouble, and until Dr. SUN YAT SEN seriously addresses himself to the removal of the grievances which called the Merchant Volunteer movement into existence, the popular resentment so strikingly evidenced by the suspension of business in Canton for a whole week must deepen and extend as time passes.

The new radio station at Lahad Datu, Borneo, has been formally opened.

A Chinese was lost overboard from the s.s. *Hain Chang* between Shanghai and Hongkong.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., announce an interim dividend of \$2 per share, payable on October 8th.

A Chinese woman, knocked down on Sunday by a motor-car in Queen's Road West, was conveyed to the Government Civil Hospital.

During the 48 hours ended August 31st, two cases of typhoid were notified to the Medical Officer of Health, one being an imported case.

A man who attempted suicide by jumping from Praya Central into the harbour, was rescued by an Indian constable, and later discovered to be insane.

Mr. Alastair Cameron, of Messrs. Gray, Dawes & Co., formerly president, Bank of Bengal, has been elected to a seat on the board of the P. & O. Banking Corporation, in place of Mr. James Mackenzie, who has retired.

Sir Matthew Nathan, the bachelor Governor of Queensland (and was formerly Governor of Hongkong), is a Girl Guide, a member of the Country Women's Association, and the only male member of the Brisbane Y.W.C.A.

A two-seater car, belonging to the Mercury Garage, and a privately-owned vehicle came into collision on the Repulse Bay Road on Sunday. The occupants of both cars were unhurt, but the two machines were badly damaged.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 815, a small piece of land near Chuk Un village, was yesterday sold by auction at Volunteer Headquarters on behalf of the Crown, owners of the property. The land was finally secured by Mr. Cheng Tsa Un for \$780.

A small fire, believed to have been caused by a lighted cigarette, broke out on Sunday night at No. 8, Wanchai Gap Road, occupied by Mrs. Whight. The Central and Wanchai fire stations both sent firemen to the spot, but the fire had been put out when they arrived.

Japanese experts claim that earthquakes can be predicted from the flow of the tide. An expert committee is now examining the evidence. Dr. Okada, Minister of Education, says the scientific world has good reason to congratulate itself upon the discovery.

A Chinese charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, with the unlawful possession of 4 revolvers and 600 rounds of ammunition on the s.s. *President Lincoln* on Saturday, was fined \$1,000, or twelve months' hard labour in default. The fine was paid.

Mr. Barton, H.M. Consul-General at Shanghai, is due to go on Home leave for six months at the end of this month. He will go Home via Siberia. Mr. J. T. Pratt, C.M.G., Consul-General at Nanking, has arrived in Shanghai and will take charge of the Consulate during Mr. Barton's absence.

Lieut.-Comdr. A. Paul Bush, D.S.O., has been appointed to the *Hawkins*, flagship of the China Station, and for duty as War Staff Officer. Lieut.-Comdr. Bush has served afloat since 1911, reached the rank of Lieutenant in 1914, and his present rank in November, 1922. He was twice mentioned in despatches during the late war, and given the D.S.O. for his services with the destroyer *Spitfire*. He passed through the Staff College before his promotion to his present rank.

The following is from a Ceylon paper: At the next meeting

CABLES.

EARLIER CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUS CATCHES FIRE.
A MATCH: SEVEN DEATHS.

LONDON, August 31st.

Seven persons were burnt to death and five seriously injured when a motor-bus caught on fire at Nunceston. The bus was crowded with shoppers and burst into flames, while descending a hill. The fire was due to someone striking a match while the driver was filling the petrol tank.

THE RIFF CAMPAIGN.

FIGHTING IN PROGRESS.

MOROCCO, August 31st.

A communiqué from Morocco reports severe fighting to-day on the Elau line. Details are lacking, but it is stated the Spanish columns fell back normally.

THE WORLD'S SPORT.

NURMI'S FINE RECORDS.

HELSINKI, August 31st.

Nurmi, the Finn, was credited with five world's running records to-day as follows:—

- 10,000 metres in 30mins. 6.2.5secs.
- 4 miles in 19mins. 19.7.10secs.
- 5 miles in 24mins. 13.5.5secs.
- 6 miles in 29mins. 7.4.3secs.

In addition, he put up a record by running 9,357 metres in half an hour.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTERS AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PRINCE IN AMERICA.

AMONG THE HORSES.

NEW YORK, September 1st.

The Prince of Wales yesterday morning spent two hours exercising his polo ponies on the polo grounds near Westbury. One of his mounts was a pony "Kitty," which Major Metcalfe will use in the cup matches. After that the Prince went for a long motor trip and sail up Long Island Sound in a steam yacht. To-day he participates in scratch game of polo and will possibly visit Belmont Park to see Epinaud and meet some of the best American horses, including Zev and Laddie, the winner of a six furlong race, the first of a series of three international sweepstakes.

U.S. WORLD FLIGHT.

THE NORTHERN STRETCH.

NEW YORK, September 1st.

Lieut. Smith and Lieut. Nelson's flight from Ivigtut to Ikerikua was performed in perfect weather with a north-west wind at 20 to 40 miles per hour. Sometimes the machines travelled at 125 miles per hour. A group of Pressmen and a few fisher folk on the shore welcomed the aviators.

SUICIDE AFTER TORTURE.

RUSSIAN SAVANT'S DEATH.

A political observer writing to a London paper says:—

I have received definite information from Russia which should give food for thought to those who still believe in the possibility of normal relations with the Bolsheviks. Some time ago there appeared in the Soviet Press an obituary notice of Mr. Alexis Raffalovich, who, it was said, had died suddenly in Petrograd. He was described as a valued specialist and a trusted servant of the Soviets. Alexis Raffalovich was one of the best Russian economists, and long ago his reputation was well established abroad. He was not a Communist, but was intensely loyal, and although he criticised the Communists freely, he never by word or deed did nor could be persuaded to do anything against the present rulers. All these years he continued his scientific work, and was of great use to the Soviet Government because of his knowledge and the same advice he gave. And now he has died suddenly. The horrible truth is that he committed suicide in the prison of the Che-Ka, where he had been thrown on an accusation of "economic espionage" for foreigners. There he was repeatedly tortured and took his life deliberately to escape further agonies at the hands of the agents of the Red Terror.

Those who are fighting the Bolsheviks tooth and nail, with no quarter asked or given, always reproached Alexis Raffalovich with the punctilious way in which he avoided doing anything which could help them. His level observance of Soviet decrees did not preserve him in the end from the cruel fate which hangs like the sword of Damocles over the heads of all peaceful citizens in Russia.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NORTHERN WAR RUMOURS.

CHEKIANG CHIEF INTERVIEWED.

BLAMES NANKING.

DANGER OF SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, September 1st.

General Lu Yung Hsiang, interviewed by the *North-China Daily News*, said:— "If war is to be avoided, Nanking must make war impossible. I want peace, but Nanking has made war, and it is up to Nanking to make peace."

Lu Yung Hsiang declared that according to an article in last year's pact, if any army came from another province into the territory of either Chi Hsiang Yuan or himself, that army was to be disarmed and disbanded. The Fukien divisions, to which the Chihli party object, came into Chekiang by way of Kiangsu. Chi Hsiang Yuan was also the Inspector-General of Kiangsu, and these troops, Lu Yung Hsiang contended, should have been disarmed by Chi Hsiang Yuan. Instead they were permitted to come to the boundaries of Chekiang. He could have disarmed them, but they would probably have turned bandits, so he took the wiser step and reorganised and incorporated them in the Chekiang army.

Originally he had no idea of incorporating these troops in the Chekiang army, but Chi Hsiang Yuan's attitude made it impossible to send these troops home, and he had to keep them in Chekiang.

Asked whether there was not some basis for negotiation on the Chihli peace party's terms, Lu Yung Hsiang laughed, and said that the thought of negotiating on the basis of these terms (which were that he should become Inspector-General of Chekiang and Fukien and that General Ho Feng Lin, his lieutenant in Shanghai should become Tschun of Chekiang, and that Shanghai and the *li chien* be returned to Kiangsu, and that independence should become void) amused him.

"These terms are a bribe and I won't be bribed everybody has tried to do that since the days of Yuan Shih Kai. I have resisted bribery from others and resist it now. The whole question is one of principle, not of my own position. I am not holding out for a higher position for myself; I have certain ideals, of which the people of Chekiang approve. Those ideals I adhere to. I am not a coward. I am not afraid to fight. If I discuss peace now, the people will say I am afraid of Wu Pei Fu and Chi Hsiang Yuan, and that I am ready to accept any offers they might make. That is not true. Last summer I was willing to meet Che in Shanghai face to face to discuss our differences and to find a means of settlement. He would not come. Now it is too late. I do not accept bribes and I won't run away from danger."

"My position is different from that of other military officials. I am the Tupan of Chekiang by will of the people. Chekiang public opinion selected me as Tupan. Wu Pei Fu's offer would mean that I have to desert the province of Chekiang and probably live in Foochow. Public opinion in Chekiang would be opposed to that. The people would say I was not true to my ideals, nor faithful to the trust they reposed in me. The Peking Government exists on a military dictatorship. Of course, anywhere a government can be unified by force. If you use enough force, but has it proved practicable? In my opinion, it only proved that the policy which ruins provinces makes the people suffer. Take for instance the example of the province of Fukien. There has been fighting in that province for eleven years, yet there is no unification there and no peace. Wu Pei Fu claims he had unified Szechuan, but careful investigation has proved that Szechuan to-day is not really unified nor at peace. Many different parties are prolonging the processes of the disunion of China."

"The Central Government is illegal. It pays no heed to the Constitution or the will of the people. Officials often like bandits taking what they can in any circumstances. They do their work in a most peculiar manner. A man will come to Peking from Kwangtung, Yunnan, Kweichow or Kwangsi. He will say that he can unify the province. The Government without investigation and without finding out whether the people of that province want that particular man to authorise them to assist that general to ruin the province, to fill it with Chihli soldiers, so as to bring misery and desolation on the people. That is not unification; that is supporting banditry. Therefore I strongly oppose Wu Pei Fu's policy of unification by force."

"There is only one way to unify China. That is, by recognising the will of the people. Let each province speak for itself. Let each province select its own representative. Then let the Central Government recognise that the representative is genuine. Instead of the people suffering, they would benefit. Let the will of each province be freely expressed. Again I want to repeat I want no war; I made no attack; I was attacked, but I cannot negotiate on the basis of deserting Chekiang or opposing the will of the people."

U.S. NAVAL BOATS.

WASHINGTON, September 1st.

Three destroyers have been ordered to Shanghai and a gunboat to Amoy as a precaution.

MENINGITIS IN JAPAN.

FATAL OUTBREAK.

TOKYO, August 31st.

The first certified case of meningitis in Tokyo was recorded yesterday.

The number of cases throughout the country since the outbreak of the epidemic are reported to be more than 2,500, of which 1,500 have proved fatal.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF FORMOSA.

TOKYO, August 31st.

It is semi-officially announced that Baron Uchida, Governor-General of Formosa, has resigned, and that Baron Izawa succeeds to the post.

LOCAL MAGISTRACIES.
POURED KEROSENE ON HIS WIFE.

Charged with having poured kerosene on his wife with the idea of setting fire to her, a Chinese was sent to gaol with hard labour for one month by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

A FORGED BANKNOTE.

When a man was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday with uttering a forged \$10 Straits Settlements note, the Magistrate said that he could not convict on the evidence, and that a strong point in the defendant's favour was that he waited in a shop while the proprietor took the note to a money-changer. The accused was discharged, the note being confiscated.

EXPENSIVE RIDES ON TRAMS.

Fines of \$3 each were imposed by Mr. Melbourne at the Central Magistracy yesterday, on two men who travelled on the tramway without paying their fares.

ILLICIT CRACKERS.

The old Chinese cracker-maker who was summoned last week for storing crackers of a type forbidden by the Ordinance, was fined \$50 by Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Two shopkeepers, similarly summoned, were ordered to pay \$3 each.

SENTENCED FOR STABBING A MAN.

Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, on a Chinese convicted of stabbing another man on the 29th of last month.

UNLICENSED HAWKING.

A man charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with hawking toys without a licence, pleaded that he intended them for distribution to children in church. His Worship fined him \$5.

AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

[FROM CRYLON PAPERS.]

VAQUIER PAYS THE PENALTY.

LONDON, August 12th.

Vaquier was executed this morning. There was a crowd of people round the prison gates to see the notice posted, and several children who were in danger of being crushed were rescued by the Police. PROTESTATIONS OF INNOCENCE.

Vaquier, who was executed at 9 o'clock this morning, protested his innocence till the last, and paced the cell all night, giving vent to frequent violent outbursts against his sentence.

Since being informed of the Home Secretary's decision not to grant a reprieve, Vaquier had been in a hysterical condition, and was constantly under the doctor's care.

GROWING DEMAND FOR TEA.

LONDON, August 12th.

The *Hull Express*, in an article headed "All the world is now drinking tea," says that, when the tea tax was reduced in the Budget, the public expected a reduction in the price of tea, but this was not realised. On the contrary most retailers advanced their prices.

Yesterday's tea auctions in the city showed a rise in price from a halfpenny to a penny a pound, and the cause is said to be that Great Britain is drinking more tea now-a-days. Although the imports for the twelve months which ended in June rose by 60,000 lbs, stocks at the end of that period were about 11,000 lbs, higher only. France, Turkey, North America and Germany are drinking twice as much tea as compared with the past, and the extensive propaganda in the United States is calculated still further to add to consumption.

ROYAL VISIT TO INDIA.

CALCUTTA, August 12th.

The Government of India has issued the following communiqué:—"Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught will come to India for the cold weather. Their Royal Highnesses' visit will be of a purely private nature, and there will be no ceremonial or public functions. Details of the tour are being worked out in consultation with the Viceroy."

WAS EVEREST CONQUERED?

CALCUTTA, August 12th.

General Bruce, speaking at Darjeeling, announced that another attempt would be made to conquer Everest next year.

Dr. Somervell, lecturer on the achievements of the expeditions, expressed himself personally doubtful as to whether Mallory and Irvine were successful in reaching the top in their last desperate climb.

KEEPING OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

LONDON, August 12th.

The report of the Select Committee on Public Accounts just issued shows that £184,000,000 was raised unnecessarily by Government Departments in the last two years.

It points out that the over-estimates in the year 1922-23 were:— Army, £12,500,000. Navy, £7,500,000. Air Force, £3,000,000. Civil Service, £46,250,000. Revenue Departments, £3,000,000.

These savings, says the Committee, were to some extent due to the "Geddes Axe," but it should have been possible considerably to reduce the Departments' demands for supplies. The Departments have made excessive provision against contingencies. Attention is called to the comment of the Treasury that the mismanagement of £12,000,000 in the case of the Army's requirements is sufficient itself seriously to affect the Budget Estimate.

AFFAIRS OF ALLIANCE BANK.

CALCUTTA, August 14th.

The present state of affairs of the Alliance Bank of Simla (in liquidation) and the steps taken by the liquidators to realize its assets were explained at length at a joint meeting of shareholders and creditors.

As is known, a dividend of eight annas in the rupee for creditors had already been declared.

At the meeting, Mr. C. E. Walker, senior liquidator, who presided, indicated that, taking a conservative view of the assets of the Bank still to be realized, it should be possible to declare further dividends amounting to another four annas in the rupee. Resolutions were moved directing the liquidators to take legal proceedings to bring the guilty parties to justice and to recover from the directors and officers of the Bank approximately two crores of rupees lost owing to their negligence, breach of duty and reckless investment, so that creditors may be paid in full. The resolutions are to be decided by a poll of shareholders and creditors, voting separately, and it was announced at the meeting that a meeting would be taken next Monday and Tuesday.

KICKED IN THE STOMACH.

85 COMPENSATION FOR AGED WOMAN.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with assaulting an aged woman, the mother of his landlady. The case was partly heard in the morning, and carried on into the afternoon.

It was stated in the early stages of the case that the defendant had kicked the old woman in the stomach, inflicting such injuries that she had to be admitted to hospital.

The aged complainant, who tottered into the witness-box assisted by her daughter, denied the suggestion of Mr. Lyson, defendant's solicitor, that his client did not struck her. She protested that he struck her once with the fist, and kicked her once in the stomach.

Complainant's daughter, giving evidence, said that she heard the defendant say to mother, "Old woman, you are too garrulous. I must strike you." Complainant was knocked down, and the witness had to carry her upstairs.

The defendant, in the witness-box, stated that on the day of the quarrel he was returning from the shop where he worked as a grass-bag maker, when he saw the complainant, her daughter, and witness' wife wrangling in the lane outside their house. As he approached them, the complainant's daughter pushed her mother against him, and he pushed her off again. The daughter then attacked him, tearing his trousers. (Here defendant held up a pair of trousers with a large rent in them for the inspection of the Magistrate.) Witness suggested that the old woman's internal injuries (certified by a doctor) were caused when her daughter pushed her against him, and he pushed her away.

Mr. Lyson submitted that both parties were blameworthy, and asked His Worship to bind them both over.

The Magistrate decided to convict, and ordered the defendant to pay a fine of \$10 and also to pay 85 compensation to the old woman.

CANE FOR YOUNG THIEF.

"SLAUGHTERER TELLS HOW HE LOST \$4."

Before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday a small Chinese boy, and an older youth appeared together in the dock, charged with larceny from the person.

The complainant, a slaughterer, said that he watched a game of chess in the street, and felt a touch at his right hand breast pocket. He seized the younger defendant, who was standing close by his side. The lad struggled and got free. Later, the witness saw the same boy, and seized him again, saying, "Are you going to return the money you stole?" The boy promised to get it back for him, and took him to a house, where witness saw the second defendant. The latter promised to pay back the amount (\$4). The three went into the street, and seeing a Chinese constable, witness gave the two defendants in charge.

The constable corroborated the complainant's story of the arrest. Eventually the elder defendant was discharged, while the boy received sentence of 12 strokes with the cane.

TSUN WAN ROBBERY. SEQUEL.

FIVE MEN APPEAR AT KOWLOON COURT.

Five Chinese appeared before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon charged in connection with the armed robbery at Tsun Wan on Friday last.

Another man, who is in hospital wounded, is to take his trial with them later.

Yesterday's proceedings were purely formal, and the men were remanded for a week.

CRUELTY TO DUCKS. CHINESE OFFENDER SMARTLY FINED.

When a Chinese was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Hamilton yesterday, with cruelty to ducks, a Chinese constable stated in evidence that there were fifty ducks in one crate. Eight were dead, and two others nearly dead.

Inspector W. R. MacWalter, in the witness-box, said that one of the ducks had its head protruding from the crate, so that when the latter was put on the ground its whole weight would rest on the bird's head.

A fine of \$10, or fourteen days' hard labour in default, was imposed.

AIR LEAGUE OF THE EMPIRE.

THE NEED FOR ACTIVITY.

Presiding on July 24th at the annual general meeting of the Air League of the British Empire, Mr. Philip S. Foster, in reviewing the work of the organization during the past year, said that much had been done in the way of propaganda by addressing Rotary Clubs and meetings in various parts of the country. The League had been able to form an advisory committee of airmen on both light and heavy types of machine, and an equally important body, a consultation Dominion and Colonial Council, which it was felt would be of great help as the overseas work of the League increased. Mr. Foster emphasized the necessity of a large membership, to enable the League to exercise pressure on Governments when it became necessary, and continued:—"Unless we have a satisfactory Air Force to protect us, we cannot feel immune from danger from the air. Russia and German aerial activity is increasing, and what we want to do is to impress upon our people the need for similar activity on our part. The one great country that is immune in the air is France—the greatest power in the air at the present moment."

The report of the Executive Committee, which was approved, stated that during the past year it had been thought well to draw up a statement of the policy and objects of the League, applicable to the circumstances existing at the present time. That policy was Imperial and national, and independent of all parties. The objects of the League was to secure the maintenance of an independent Air Ministry, failing the establishment of a Ministry of Defence; the maintenance of a Home Defence Air Force equal to any other air force within striking distance of our country; the maintenance of an Air Force capable of obtaining the mastery of the air wherever it may be called upon to operate; the provision of sufficient aircraft to enable the Navy and the Army to perform their duties effectively; the fullest development of British civil aviation; the building up of a reserve of pilots and machines for national defence; the establishment of a thriving aircraft industry; the early provision of aerodromes in the vicinity of large towns, and the allocation of additional funds for experiment and research.

The Executive Committee of the Air League of the British Empire look forward to a continuance of the useful work that has been done during the past twelve months. The report concluded:—"The same watchfulness and the same promptitude, there can be no doubt, will be displayed in the ensuing twelve months as in the past, but the great and most important consideration with regard to the work of the Air League is, at this moment a sufficient income to enable them to arouse public opinion. The moment is propitious. The defence of the country is a matter of paramount importance to all, and the creation of a prosperous and efficient system of commercial aviation is only second in importance; but these all important facts must be brought home to the public at large."

A MOSQUITO TRAP.

CATCHING THE PEST BY SEARCHLIGHT.

BEGRAD. One of the great troubles of Serbia is the malaria epidemic and even in the neighbourhood of Belgrade there are favourable breeding grounds for the malaria mosquito. The heavy spring floods have made the plains facing the town more swampy than usual, and those whose blood pleases the mosquito palate are constant in their lamentations.

Now an ingenious locksmith of the town has decided that something more drastic than the hours of the Anti-malaria Commission should be undertaken, and he has devised a wonderful apparatus for the mass capture of the pest. The first evidence Belgrade had of his experiments was the appearance in Kalemegdan, the little park that overlooks the plains and the meeting of the rivers (Sava and Danube), of a powerful searchlight. It was thought the police had adopted a new means of raking in vagrants bedded in the park; it was really the mosquito-trap, and any who approached the apparatus saw the inventor remove a vessel from the inside and show it to be full of a cushion-like mass of mosquitoes.

Expert officials who were present at the trials have decided, it appears, that the apparatus is too costly for use as a means of extermination, but that it will prove very useful as a specimen-catcher. A strong searchlight attracts the insects into the conical light-projector, at the apex of which is a small hole. In the interior pumps and fans produce a strong current of air into the interior, and the mosquitoes are sucked inside.

NEW ANESTHETIC.

FRENCH DOCTOR'S DISCOVERY.

It is announced from Paris that a new anesthetic known as "Somnifent" is now being used with success by Dr. Fredet at the Pitié Hospital, and that the first results have been communicated to the French Society of Surgery. The anesthetic, in a dose of from ten to fifteen cubic centimetres, is injected in a vein half an hour after a preliminary hypodermic injection of morphia has been given. Long and complicated operations can be performed under this anesthetic, it is claimed; and it is rare that it is necessary to resort to the administration of a very slight amount of chloroform. The patient remains in a state of coma, from which, however, it is possible to arouse him to administer nourishment. The anesthetic is not followed by sickness, and is said to be entirely harmless in its action.

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THE STONE OF DESTINY.
PROTEST AGAINST REMOVAL.

A meeting convened by the British World Federation was held at the Central Hall, Westminster, to protest against the removal of the Scottish Stone of Destiny from Westminster Abbey to Holyrood Palace under Mr. Kirkwood's bill. Strong protests against the bill were received from local branches of the federation at Manchester, Salford, Worthing, Liverpool, and the British branch. Apologies for absence were read from Sir William Joynton-Hicks, the Bishop of St. Albans, and Sir Thomas Inskip, M.P.

Lord Gishborough proposed the following resolution: "This meeting of citizens of London respectfully begs to protest to the Prime Minister and Parliament against the proposal to remove the Stone of Destiny from Westminster Abbey. We believe the stone to be closely associated with the British Throne, and inseparably connected with the destiny of the British race as a whole. In making this representation it would hardly seem necessary to say that we have not the slightest antagonism to Scotland or Scotsmen."

Lord Gishborough said a Princess Tamar Tophi, a daughter of King Zedekiah, from whom King George was descended, took the stone to Ireland, where she married Achille, King of Ulster. For 800 years it was used as the coronation stone of the Kings of Ulster. When Fergus the Great was crowned King of Iona, the Stone of Destiny was taken to Scotland, and from thence it was brought to England by Edward I. Lord Gishborough went on to say that the stone did not belong to any one country, but to the Empire. He really believed that if the attempt to remove it was meant seriously the people of Great Britain—including Scotland—would rise and fight for its retention (loud cheers). The resolution was passed after speeches in support had been given by Mr. Herbert Harrison, Major James Knowles, General Coventry Williams, Rev. Ebenezer Fox (Australia), the Rev. W. E. Woodhams Denham, the Rev. Arthur Chambers, the Rev. Gregory Restall, the Hon. Miss Akers-Douglas, the Rev. Joseph Gay, and Mr. J. J. Morey.

NEW VIADUCT FOR LONDON.

£3,000,000 ROAD FROM THE CITY TO DOCK.

Members of Parliament who recently at the invitation of the Port of London Authority, made an inspection of the port, learned something of important schemes of development which the authority has in hand. These include: A new landing stage at Tilbury, new entrance to Tilbury dock, and a new dry dock.

The extension and improvement of Surrey Commercial Docks.

Dredging operations with a view to increasing traffic at low tide.

Another important development scheme which is under the consideration of the Ministry of Transport is the construction of a new road from the City to Victoria Docks.

This is a big project, estimated to involve an expenditure of £3,000,000.

The scheme is still in its initial stages, but the proposal at present put forward is that the road should pass through the Whitechapel district, considerable part of it being carried by a viaduct.

The Government would probably bear half the cost of the various local authorities interested in the improvement—the London County Council, City Corporation, etc.—subscribed the other half. It is hoped that the negotiations inseparable from such a huge undertaking will be successfully completed in time to ensure the necessary legislation next year.

Lord Devonport, chairman of the Port of London Authority, announced to the M.P. his intention to retire.

Lord Devonport has been chairman since its creation in March, 1900. Much splendid work in the development of the port has been done during his tenure of office.

BETTING AND LOTTERIES.

"THE PRESENT TASTE FOR GAMBLING."

A review of the annual report of the Commissioner of the London Metropolitan Police says:—

Illegal betting continues to increase. Last year 3,325 convictions (in the majority of cases for street betting) took place, and fines amounting to £30,200 were inflicted, as compared with 3,322 convictions and fines of £28,711 in 1922.

Such figures (says the report) are not sufficient to show that the police are not inactive, but it is equally clear that no police action will be effective in eradicating so widespread a habit.

"Streetstakes and lotteries of all kinds also continue to increase in numbers, both as a means of raising money for laudable objects, and for the purpose of advertisement and commercial gain. There is much ignorance as to their illegality, and the public do not appear to realise the opportunities for fraud which they afford. If allowed to multiply unchecked, another objection to some of those organisations in aid of charities is that, though honestly conducted, a considerable proportion of the proceeds is paid to professional promoters. The readiness with which any kind of lottery or competition containing some shadowy element of skill is subscribed for, without any adequate knowledge by the subscribers of the chances of success or of the system, if any, on which the prizes will be distributed, is remarkable evidence of the present taste for gambling."

The Foreign Office ought to be less supine in looking after the interests of small investors in this country who have invested their money abroad.—Mr. A. M. Samuel, M.P.

WEATHER REPORT

September 1st, at 13.30.—Pressure has decreased slightly over Formosa and the Loochoos, and increased slightly elsewhere. There is little change in distribution since this morning. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Sept. 1st, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 82.31 inches, against an average of 84.44 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Sept. 2nd is as follows:—

District	Forecast
Hongkong to Gap Rock, E. winds, moderate; fine.	
Formosa Channel	do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock	do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan	do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, September 1st.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.96	29.89	29.89
Temperature	77	78	82
Humidity	70	89	78
Wind Direction	ESE	Calm	SE
Force	3	0	4
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature on 1st	87		
Lowest open-air Temperature on 1st	79		

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Sept. 2nd to 8th, 1924.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		Time	Height	Time	Height
Tues.	2	10 52	7 1/2	5 34	1 1/2
Wed.	3	11 29	6 3/4	5 18	1 1/4
Thurs.	4	12 12	6 7	5 8	1 1/4
Fri.	5	1 0 7	5 2	4 41	1 1/4
Satur.	6	1 40	4 4	3 53	1 1/4
Sun.	7	2 31	4 4	3 32	1 1/4
Mon.	8	3 48	4 7	3 33	1 1/4

BOARD OF CONSERVANCY WORKS OF KWANGTUNG.

Waterlevels in English Feet at 10 A.M.

Place of Observation	Height of Water at 10 A.M. recorded	W.L. over recorded	W.L. 20' over recorded	W.L. 30' over recorded
Wuchow, W. River	+79.50	-2.43	—	—
Kongmoon, W. River	+14.70	-0.86	+5.4	+6.1
Linkongchow, N. River	+57.00	—	+8.5	—
Shichow, N. River	+25.81	—	—	—
Samshui, N. River	+27.25	-5.00	+8.8	+9.3
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TIENSIN	"NAMSANG" ...	Friday, 5th Sept, Noon
Kobe	"MAUSANG" ...	Friday, 5th Sept, 1 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG" ...	Saturday, 6th Sept, 11 a.m.
MANILA	"YUENSANG" ...	Saturday, 6th Sept, 7 a.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"YUENSANG" ...	Sunday, 7th Sept, 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"KUTSANG" ...	Monday, 8th Sept, 3 p.m.
TSINGTAI via SWATOW	"KUTSANG" ...	Monday, 8th Sept, 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG" ...	Wednesday, 10th Sept, 10 a.m.
MANILA via AMOY	"SUTSANG" ...	Saturday, 13th Sept, 3 p.m.

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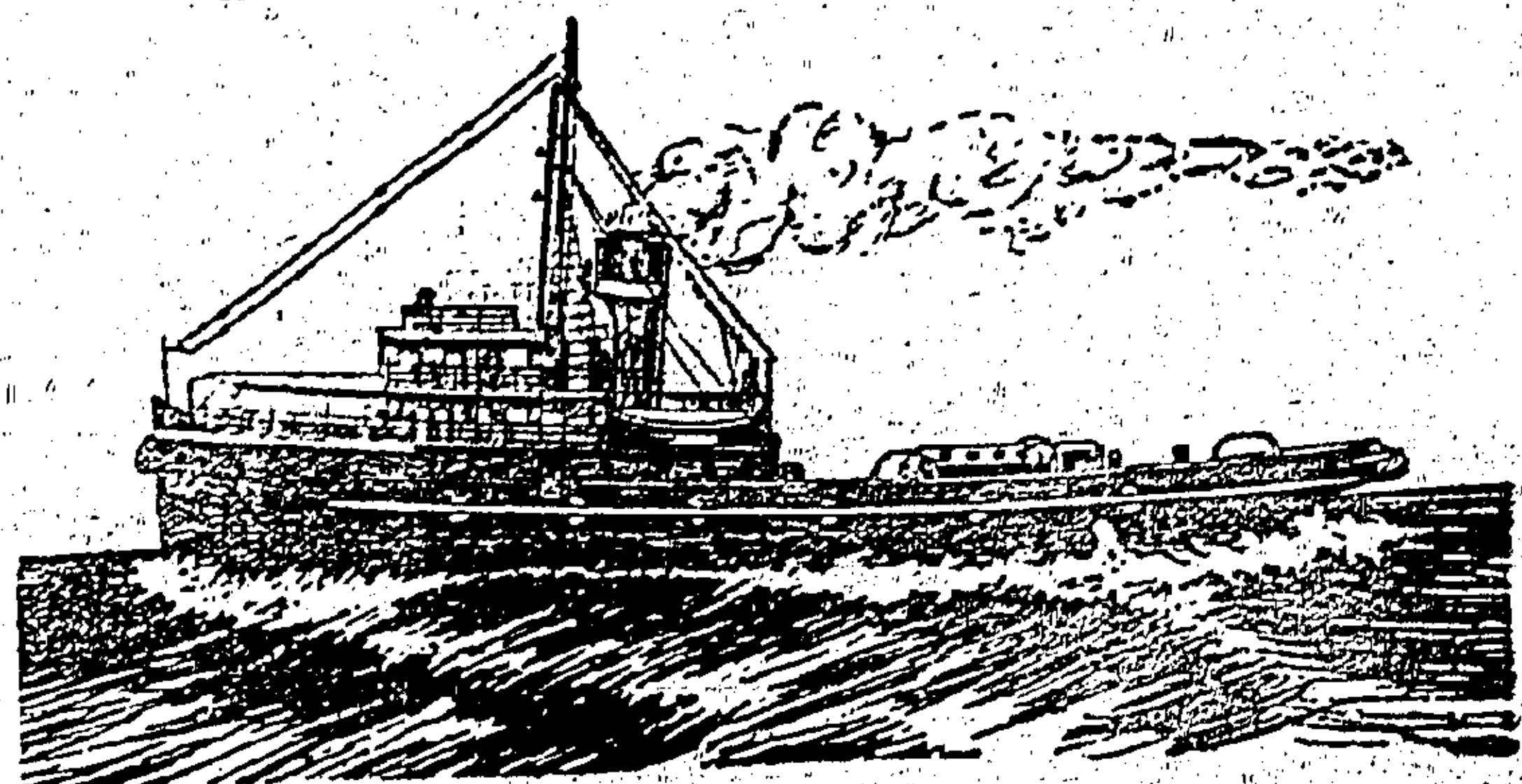
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<i>Chukun Maru</i> , Japanese str., 1,279 tons, Capt. S. Furukawa, from Keelung, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—N.Y.K.	New York & Boston	<i>Southwestern Miller</i>	Brit.	Prince Line	On 1st Oct.
<i>Hsinchong</i> , Chinese str., 1,235 tons, Capt. J. Sandhu, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at C.M.S.N. Co. wharf—C.M.S.N. Co.	Boston & New York, Baltimore, &c.	<i>Parsons</i>	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 10th inst.
<i>Kamakura Maru</i> , Japanese str., 3,024 tons, Capt. S. Ochiai, from Moji, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—N.Y.K.	SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAP. PORTS & H.L.G.	<i>West Farlow</i>	Am.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 10th inst., 4 p.m.
<i>Kiangsu</i> , British str., 1,558 tons, Capt. R. F. Mitchell, from Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at Taikeo Dock—B. & S.	VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C., via SHANGHAI, &c.	<i>Empress Canada</i>	Brit.	Strathern & Barry	On 3rd inst.
<i>Margara Maru</i> , Japanese str., 3,370 tons, Capt. G. Masuda, from Moji, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—N.Y.K.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. PORTS.	<i>Kaga Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 13th inst.
<i>Peking Maru</i> , Japanese str., 1,434 tons, Capt. R. Nagayama, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—N.Y.K.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, VANCOUVER, &c.	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst., 11 a.m.
<i>President Monroe</i> , American str., 6,485 tons, Capt. A. Ahman, from New York via ports, with a general cargo, Dollar S.S. Line.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.
<i>Sunli</i> , Portuguese str., 1,500 tons, Capt. G. Souza, from Kwang Chow Wharf, with a general cargo, lying at Sai Kung wharf—Huang Kie Co.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.
<i>Tomahawk Maru</i> , Japanese str., 886 tons, Capt. K. Miyazaki, from Keelung, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—M.B.K.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.
<i>Tung Shing</i> , British str., 1,173 tons, Capt. R. W. Bateman, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.
<i>Wakana Maru</i> , Japanese str., 3,767 tons, Capt. T. Takase, from Moji, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf—N.Y.K.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.
<i>West Chongha</i> , American str., 1,520 tons, Capt. C. J. Martin, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—Strathern & Barry.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.
<i>Yue Tung</i> , British str., 845 tons, Capt. C. Masson, from Hongkong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—N.Y.K.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.
<i>Zanana</i> , British str., 1,291 tons, Capt. W. Noon, from Shanghai and Swatow, lying at buoy No. 42—B. & S.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.

ARRIVALS.	DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
September 1st.					
<i>Andre Lebon</i> , French str., 7,253 tons, Capt. J. Conson, from Marseilles and Saigon, the latter port she left on August 27th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—M.M.	Buenos Aires via Singapore, &c.	<i>Kamakura Maru</i>	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 2nd inst.
<i>City of Birmingham</i> , British str., 4,002 tons, Capt. J. McKenzie, from Shanghai, which port she left on August 29th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—Bank Line.	New York & Boston	<i>Southwestern Miller</i>	Brit.	Prince Line	On 1st Oct.
<i>Fingul</i> , Norwegian str., from Canton, lying at West Point.	Boston & New York, Baltimore, &c.	<i>Parsons</i>	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 10th inst.
<i>Hok Canton</i> , Chilean str., 288 tons, Capt. Leung Long, from Kwang Chow Wharf, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—Hong On Co.	SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAP. PORTS & H.L.G.	<i>West Farlow</i>	Am.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 10th inst., 4 p.m.
<i>Kungo Maru</i> , Japanese str., 2,762 tons, Capt. R. Ito, from Suidakani, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—O.S.K.	VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C., via SHANGHAI, &c.	<i>Empress Canada</i>	Brit.	Strathern & Barry	On 3rd inst.
<i>Silverline</i> , British str., 2,637 tons, Capt. W. Griffiths, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—N.Y.K.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via J. PORTS.	<i>Kaga Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 13th inst.
<i>Sunling</i> , British str., from Canton, lying at buoy No. 42.	VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, VANCOUVER, &c.	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst., 11 a.m.
<i>Taiwan</i> , Chinese str., from Canton, lying at C.M.S.N. Co. wharf.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.
<i>Van Cloon</i> , Dutch str., 3,862 tons, Capt. H. O. Bron, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 42—J.C.C.L.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.
<i>Wing Hong</i> , British str., 2,672 tons, Capt. R. A. Young, from Hongkong, with a general cargo, lying at Quarry Bay—Williamson & Co.	SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	<i>Arabis Maru</i>	Jap.	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd inst.

CLEARANCES.

ARRIVALS.	DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
August 31st.					
<i>Chukun Maru</i> , for Canton.					
<i>Chung Hing</i> , for Kwang Chow Wharf.					
<i>City of Birmingham</i> , for Singapore.					
<i>Fingul</i> , for Kwang Chow Wharf.					
<i>Hok Canton</i> , for Canton.					
<i>Kungo Maru</i> , for Canton.					
<i>Silverline</i> , for Canton.					
<i>Sunling</i> , for Canton.					
<i>Taiwan</i> , for Canton.					
<i>Van Cloon</i> , for Canton.					
<i>Wing Hong</i> , for Canton.					

PASSENGERS.

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September 1st.					
<i>Andre Lebon</i> , for Shanghai.					
<i>Chukun Maru</i> , for Canton.					
<i>Chung Hing</i> , for Kwang Chow Wharf.					
<i>City of Birmingham</i> , for Singapore.					
<i>Fingul</i> , for Kwang Chow Wharf.					
<i>Hok Canton</i> , for Canton.					
<i>Kungo Maru</i> , for Canton.					
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<i>Chung Hing</i> , for Kwang Chow Wharf.					
<i>City of Birmingham</i> , for Singapore.					
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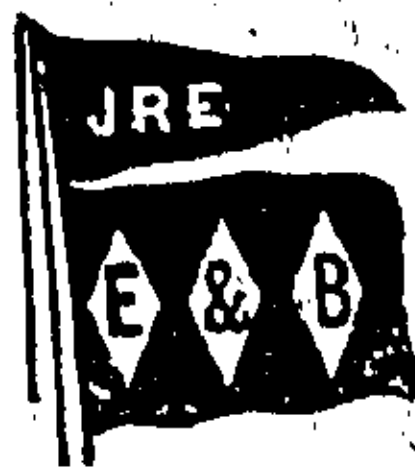
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"KALYAN"	6,884	11th Sept.	do.
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"KASHMIR"	6,993	4th Oct.	do.
"PESEAWUR"	7,934	14th Oct.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	18th Oct.	3'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SICILIA"	6,813	27th Oct.	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	10,941	15th Nov.	do.
"KASHGAR"	6,884	25th Nov.	3'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SARDINIA"	9,098	29th Nov.	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	10,911	12th Dec.	do.
"KASHGAR"	6,886	23rd Dec.	3'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KASHGAR"	9,097	31st Dec.	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	11,089	10th Jan.	do.
"SICILIA"	6,813	20th Jan.	3'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KALYAN"	9,118	24th Jan.	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,911	7th Feb.	do.
"KASHMIR"	6,993	21st Feb.	do.
"KASHMIR"	10,911	7th Mar.	do.
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"MOREA"	10,911	3rd Oct.	do.
"KASHGAR"	6,884	4th Oct.	Moji & Kobe.
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"KASHGAR"	6,884	22nd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,098	1st Nov.	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	4,000	1st Nov.	Shanghai & Kobe.
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"MANTUA"	9,097	29th Nov.	do.
"KASHGAR"	6,884	29th Nov.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,000	6th Dec.	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	11,089	12th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,118	27th Dec.	do.
"SICILIA"	6,813	27th Dec.	Shanghai & Kobe.
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"MOREA"	10,911	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	6,993	21st Jan.	do.
"KASHGAR"	10,941	21st Feb.	do.
"KASHGAR"	6,849	7th Mar.	do.
"MANTUA"	9,098	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Yokohama.
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Bank Bills, on demand	...	184½
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Telegraphic Transfer	...	—
Bank Bills, on demand	...	164½
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Bank Bills, at sight	...	—
Private, 30 days' sight	...	nom.
ON KOBEHAMA.—On demand	...	139
ON MANILA.—On demand	...	128
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	...	101½
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ON HONGKONG.—On demand	...	nom.
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Issued and Fully Paid-up	...	...	\$20,000,000
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